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Every Friday night, at 10:35 p. m., a through tourist car for Los Angeles and Southern California, leaves the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Union Passenger Station, Chicago. via Omaha, Colorado Springs and Salt Lake City, for all points in Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

In addition to the regular Pullman porter, each car is accompanied by an intelligent, competent and courteous "courier," who will attend to the wants of passengers en route. This is an entirely new feature of tourist car service, and will be appreciated by families or by ladies traveling alone. Particular attention is paid to the care of children, who usually get weary on a long journey.

These tourist cars are sleeping cars supplied with all the accessories necessary to make the journey comfortable and pleasant, and the berth rate (each berth will accommodate two persons) is only $6.00 from Chicago to California. Ask the nearest ticket agent for a tourist car folder, or address E. G. Hayden, Traveling Passenger Agent, 135 The Arcade, Cleveland, O.

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YOUR DRUGGIST.

Tourist Tickets to Florida and Winter Resorts in the South.

Ticket agents of the Pennsylvania Lines will answer inquiries about low fares to Florida and winter resorts in the South. Full information concerning tourists' tickets, time of tables, etc , will be furnished free. Persons contemplating a Southern trip may secure valuable information on the subject by merely inquiring of the nearest representative of the Pennsylvania Lines, or by addressing C L. Kimball, assistant general passenger agent, Cleveland, O. Say where and when you wish to go, how many will be in the party, starting point, etc., and you will be promptly posted The inquiry will not cost much effort—it will save considerable bother in arranging details, as they will be looked after gratis.

Sufferers from constipation, biliousness or liver troubles should use Slusser's Vegetable Pills. 25c per bottle at druggists.

A Brave Coward.

The Chicago & North-Western Railway Company announces the publication of a thrilling story of campaigning in the Philippines, entitled "A Brave Coward." The famous battle of Malate, the charge at La Loma, a love romance, the career of the Tenth Pennsylvania at Manila and in Luzon, the conquering of cowardice by a young Pennsylvanian, are all interwoven into one of the most delightful short stories of the hour yet issued. In common with the First Nebraska, the Thirteenth Minnesota, the Utah and Oregon men and the Twentieth Kansas, the Tenth Pennsylvania made history in the war against Aguinaldo The tale is superbly illustrated with half-tones, printed in convenient form, and will be forwarded to any address on receipt of 6 cents in postage by W. B Kniskern, 22 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Some time twixt spring and the wane of the year, you should avail yourself of nature's bounteous and soothing passageway between Cleveland and Buffalo. Go often. Be continuously merry.

The great chain of unsalted seas present as pretty a water-color picture as you could desire to brush against. The humdrum monotony of every day life becomes but a fleeting remembrance, care and ennui give way to the restful delights of the present, and you get your money's worth.

We have a fleet of powerful, commodious and magnificently appointed steamers, which ply between the cities of Cleveland and Buffalo nightly, and Cleveland and Toledo each day.

The Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Company, Cleveland, O.

Scio College.

The fall term of Scio College closed December 15th, with a large body of enthusiastic students in attendance. Great interest in the college is manifested by students, citizens and friends.

The faculty is being increased to meet the growing demands. New buildings will be erected in the near future. The outlook of Scio College is brighter than ever before.

Winter term opens January 2, 1900. For catalogue address. Scio College, Scio, O.

That Throbbing Headache

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Dr. Hobbs' Sparagus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

THE DEAD NUMBER 20.

That Many Bodies Recovered From Braznell Mine.

ONE OF THEM UNIDENTIFIED.

Believed That Number, With 17 Rescued Alive, Accounted For All the Miners at Work During Explosion, Near Brownsville, Pa.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—The bodies of 20 victims of the Braznell mine explosion were recovered. It is believed there are no more bodies in the mine, as the 17 men rescued and the 20 bodies recovered account for the 36 or 37 men who were in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Aside from the loss of life, the property loss will amount to $20,000. The surviving miners will be without employment for at least a month while repairs are being made.

Inspectors Blick and Louttit were making an investigation of the cause of the accident and the result will be submitted to the coroner.

Of the 20 dead taken out all but one have been identified. All the miners live at Brasnell. The dead and injured are as follows:

Samuel Meese, boss driver, aged 37 years; wife and family.

Albert Meese, son of Samuel Meese, aged 14 years.

William Thomas, aged 32 years; cage man; wife and family.

Henry Hager, tracklayer, 48 years old. wife and family.

Joe Magyer, miner, single, lived with his sister,

George Kooash, miner; wife in Hungary.

Joe Botslot, miner; 28 years old single.

Peter Orris, miner; wife and family.

Andy Ribers, miner; single.

Joe Grelnik, miner; single.

Andrew Parobeck, miner; single.

Mike Parobeck, miner; single, brother of Andrew Parobeck.

Mike Martsick, miner; single.

Mark Ondrojik, miner; single.

Paul Laudis, miner; single.

John Koziesh, miner; married.

Andy Gammitsky, miner; married.

The one not identified was supposed to be the brother of Mike Martsick.

Those badly injured are: John Scoff, burned, cut and bruised, expected to die. Harry Atwood, burned and back hurt, serious. John Duskin, badly burned. Solomon Meese, engineer, burned, not serious. Jenathan Meese, helper, burned about face and head.

With few exceptions the bodies recovered were terribly burned and mutilated and in some instances dismembered. It was with great difficulty that some of the bodies could be identified and the terrific force of the explosion was shown not only in the condition of the mine, but also from the position of some of the bodies.

It is the generally accepted theory here that the gas caught fire from a naked lamp carried by some careless or over confident miner.

MAINE FUNERAL TODAY.

Services Over Victims Brought From Havana Will Occur at Arlington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The funeral services over the remains of the Maine dead and interment are to occur at Arlington today. Chaplain Chidwick is to conduct the religious services.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 27.—The Maine's dead were brought ashore about 1:30 on a lighter and transferred without ceremonies to a Chesapeake and Ohio special baggage train waiting to transfer them to Arlington. A large silent throng watched the transfer solemnly. The train left last night The coffins on the lighter were in two large blocks, completely covered with flags on top of which were wreaths in profusion. About 10 o'clock an official visit was paid the Texas by the mayor president of the Business Men's association and representatives of the military from here during the late war.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE SECURED.

Witnesses Will Give Sensational Testimony In Michigan Scandal.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 27.—The grand jury reconvened today. Since adjournment the officers had made what is claimed to be an important find in connection with the alleged fraudulent military deal, by locating the four women who transferred the tags upon the goods which were sold by the state and replaced them with Henderson Ames company's marks.

They all swear that they were hired by Mr. Bickerstaff, of the Henderson Ames company, to do the work, and all reside at Kalamazoo. The women assert that they removed the buttons from the soldiers' clothes and the linings from the caps and replaced them with others.

Dull Day In Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Wall street spent a very dull day Wednesday and took great comfort therefrom as a grateful relief from the painful activities of last week. The fact that the Stock Exchanges in London and in Germany were closed had an influence toward dullness in view of the great importance attached to the course of events at those centers.

One Hatfield Killed Another.

MATEWAN, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Wayne Hatfield, son of Elias Hatfield and nephew of Devil Anse Hatfield, shot and killed George Hatfield's son of Bear Creek. The shooting occurred in George Brazur's store. Wayne Hatfield escaped to the mountains.

Three Children Burned to Death.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 27.—Three colored children were burned to death during a fire which destroyed the home of their parents, named Dixon. They were 7, 5 and 2 years old.

WRECKED SEAMEN DROWNED

A Number of Men Escaping From a Ship Lost by the Swamping of a Boat.

CAPE HENRY, Va., Dec. 27.—Following is the list of men lost by the swamping of the Ariosto's boats in the surf near Ocracoke, N. C., furnished by Mr. S. L. Dosher, United States weather bureau official, Hatteras:

John Kemp, chief officer; W. L. Infort, second officer; J. W. Scott, second engineer; E. Roberts, third engineer; J. W. Wilcox, fourth engineer; Kyellin, Den Keyman, Hanusche, chief steward: Neumann, second steward; Meninger, cook; S. Ieger, mess room boy; Collin, Horvik, Law, Gisbiansen, Henricsen, Gustassen, sailors, and Hansen, Michael, Litsau, Hammertund. Osterman, firemen.

The steamship laid broadside to the beach and apparently in good condition. Captain Barnes, Chief Engineer Warren. Third Officer Reed and six men, all that were saved, were cared for at the Ocracoke lifesaving station.

TO SCARE CANADIANS.

Opinion In Washington of Rumored Fenian Raids Into the Queen's Dominion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The alleged attempts in different parts of the country to organize Fenians for a raid into Canada have not as yet been drawn to the attention of the state department, and nothing is known upon the question beyond the matters set out in the newspaper publications. The officials do not give the smallest credence to the stories, and are of opinion that the purpose in setting them afloat is to frighten the Canadians into keeping their soldiers at home and failing to answer the appeal of England for volunteers for the African campaign.

Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, is too well experienced in American methods to make this matter the basis of official representations at this stage, and, indeed, it is said at the state department that he has not even found it necessary to remonstrate against the alleged violation of neutrality involved in the recruiting of soldiers for the Boer army within the limits of the United States. It is suggested that the explanation for this attitude is a preference on the part of the British to deal with such persons as may enlist here for the Boer army after they leave the boundaries of the United States, and it is not doubted that all of the movements that really promise to amount to anything are being carefully watched with a view to catching the volunteers at some convenient point by a fleet cruiser.

Should it turn out that a Fenian movement of the kind alleged to exist is actually discovered and brought to the attention of the United States government sharp and prompt repressive action will be taken, not only to prevent the violation of the neutrality laws, but also to save the raiders themselves from such consequences of their actions as befel the unfortunate Fenian raiders of 1866.

British Dying With Typhoid Fever.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to The Tribune said in part: The Ladysmith list shows that typhoid fever and dysentery are more effective than the Boers' artillery in reducing the strength of the garrison day by day.

FAVORABLE TO LABOR.

Judge at Toledo Decided Strikers Could Picket Outside Manufactories.

TOLEDO, Dec. 27.—Judge Morris, in common pleas court, rendered a decision as to the rights of striking workmen. The members of the bicycle workers union struck at the Standard Tube and Forkside works. A temporary injunction was granted restraining strikers from patrolling the works and accosting and intimidating employes who took their places.

This injunction Judge Morris dissolved, holding that the strikers had a perfect right to keep pickets about the works, and to talk to workmen and urge them to come out. He held that there was no positive evidence of threats, and that the number of men employed at the works exceeded the full number of strikers usually kept on picket duty, so that there could be no danger of personal violence. The case will be appealed.

BRYAN'S TRIP IN EAST.

Said He Would Discuss Money, Also Other Questions—Carnegie to Mrs. Bryan.

AUSTIN, Dec. 27.—W. J. Bryan's attention was called to the dispatch from Washington stating that he had written Congressman Daly of New Jersey that he would make several speeches in the east, discussing trusts and imperialism, and he was asked as to whether the report indicated an intention of abandoning the silver question. He said in part:

"Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the East, but I expect to discuss the money question along with other questions."

Mr. Bryan will leave here Saturday for his trip to Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago, and thence to the East.

Mrs. Bryan received a letter from Andrew Carnegie, stating that he would gladly furnish the money for the erection of a library building at Lincoln, Neb., which it was estimated will cost between $50,000 and $75,000.

Entertained by the Queen.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The wives and families of the guards reservists from Windsor, now serving in South Africa, assembled at St. George's hall, Windsor, to participate in the queen's Christmas tree celebration. Queen Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Albany and others of the royal family were present.

BOER GUNS DESTROYED

Sortie From Ladysmith by General Hunter.

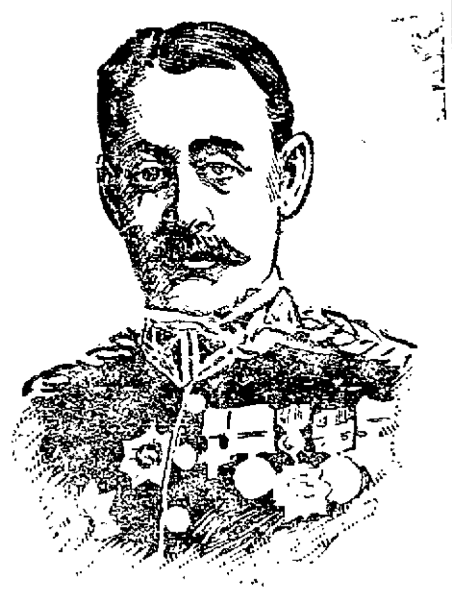
RESERVE FORCE AT PRETORIA.

Said to Be 8,000 Europeans Skilled In Modern Warfare There—Number Killed In Different Engagements — Possible Defection of Free Staters Rumored.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, Dec. 15, by heliograph, says:

"Another sortie last night. General Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one 6-inch Creusot gun, one howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Wednesday, Dec. 20, said in part: "From Boer sources, hitherto singularly well informed, I learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men, skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria as a reserve."



MAJOR GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD HUNTER.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours Dec. 16, the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Among the Boers killed at Stormberg were many of that locality who had joined the Orange Free State forces.

PRETORIA, Monday, Dec. 18.—General Joubert has recovered and returned to the front today.

There were special services yesterday in the different laagers as thanksgiving for the victories of Colenso. Stormberg and Modder river.

MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

The Burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas.

Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boer successes the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of General Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of the possible defection of the Free Staters and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering.

The Free Staters are said to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The war office received a dispatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 25, containing the following:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder river. General Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him.

"General Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

The war office has received a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, Dec. 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith, Dec. 22, Major A. C. King, Captains Wathen and Oakes and Lieutenant Hulse and Lieutenant Colonel Fawcett were wounded and that nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded.

This engagement had not been recorded before this.

A cable dispatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 20, says in part that sedition is spreading in Cape Colony. Three members of the Cape parliament are alleged to be implicated and one of them is said to have presented a Free State flag to a Boer commander, at the same time expressing the hope that he would carry it to glory and victory. Another member of parliament is said to be recruiting for the Boers. In addition wealthy farmers are now aiding the invaders.

TO DISCUSS AN INVASION.

Colonel Scannell Said Irishmen Would Meet In Philadelphia.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Colonel Roger F. Scannel, who has been identified with Irish agitations for many years, said that there was to be a meeting of prominent Irish Nationalists in Philadelphia next Sunday or Monday to discuss the question of invading Canada.

"This meeting," Colonel Scannel says, "will be followed by another in Boston, when reports from the Philadelphia meeting will be made by Boston delegates."

Colonel Scannel said that the present would be a good time for the invasion as the troops of Canada are being sent away to take part in the African war.

With an army of 100,000 Irish Nationalists engaged in the invasion of Canada, it would make things interesting for the English government.

Aguinaldo Rumored to Be In Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 27.—A curious report gained credence here that Aguinaldo had arrived in Mexico.

EULOGIZED MOODY'S LIFE.

Funeral of the Great Preacher at East Northfield, Mass.—Body Viewed by a Large Crowd.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 27.—The funeral services over the remains of Dwight L. Moody were held at the Congregational church here before a very large audience. Men who for many years have been connected with Mr Moody's work took part. Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., officiated, assisted by Rev. A. Torrey of the Moody Bible institute, Chicago. There were services at the late residence of M. Moody early on Tuesday, only relatives and close friends being present. Dr. Scofield read the Scriptures and Mr. Torrey offered prayer.

When the family had withdrawn, the corpse, which had been permitted to remain upon a leathern couch, was placed in the casket, which was of simple design, black covered and open full length. The body was borne to the church on an oblong, black-covered bier, by about forty students from the Northfield institute. Before the bier was raised white roses were sprinkled about the casket. Dr. Scofield and Mr. Torrey led the procession, while following the bier came the following honorary pallbearers: Ira D. Sankey and George C. Stebbins, of Brooklyn; R. C. Morse and D. W. Mc Williams, New York; Rev. W. J. Herdman and Rev. George C. Needham, of Philadelphia. The bier was placed in front of the pulpit and the lid of the casket was removed, showing a spray of palm and ivy extending from the feet to the breast. A large number of villagers and visitors then began to file past the body. Mr. Moody's face had every appearance of one enjoying peaceful sleep.

The body remained on view in the church until about 2:30 o'clock. At the public funeral service the music was rendered by the choir of 150 students. An invocation was followed by the scripture lesson, read by Rev. A. T. Pierson of Brooklyn. Dr. Schofield then delivered the eulogy, in which he gave an estimate of the man and his work. Each made extended reference to the source of his greatness.

The Rev. Mr. Torrey followed Mr. Scofield. His eulogy was based upon Mr. Moody's life exemplifying the grace of God.

Following Mr. Torrey, remarks were made by the Rev. H. G. Weston of Crozier Theological seminary, Chester Pa.; the Rev. A. T. Pierson of Brooklyn, Bishop Mallalieu of Boston and Rev. J. W. Chapman of New York.

Hon. John Wanamaker of Philadelphia also spoke.

The body was then carried to the burial place at Round Top. The chorus sang, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and after prayer and a benediction the body was lowered to its resting place.

In the evening former students of the Mt. Hermon school met at the Northfield hotel and passed resolutions pledging themselves to do all in their power to sustain the school and support whatever action the trustees might take for its future.

HILLIS' TRIBUTE TO MOODY.

High Estimate on His Work at Services In New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Memorial services for Dwight L. Moody were held in Calvary Baptist church, simultaneously with the funeral services at Northfield. The auditorium of the church, which seats 3,000 persons, was filled. The service was of an undenominational character, arranged by the friends of Mr. Moody here and a number of ministers of all denominations were present.

The service opened with the rendering of Chopin's funeral march. Rev F. R. Morse, assistant pastor of the church, conducted the ceremonies and spoke.

Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur made an address.

Dr. MacArthur's address was followed by the singing of one of Moody's favorite gospel hymns, "Some Day the Silver Cord Will Break."

Rev. Dr. Hillis. of Plymouth church Brooklyn, said:

"Moody was in my opinion the greatest evangelist since Whitefield, and since the apostle Paul there has been no man who has preached to so great a multitude of people and led so many to Christ. To the end of time Mr. Moody's teachings will last. The simplicity of his words went direct to the heart of common men. His conscientiousness, his enthusiasm, his inspired common sense, his kindness, all made him especially fitted for his work."

Memorial services in the Metropolitan Temple will be held tonight.

Anti-Trust Law Decision.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 27.—Judge Evans dismissed the suit brought some time ago against certain stockholders of the Crystal Ice Company, to prevent them from transferring stock, on the ground that they were entering into a combination of ice manufactories (since abandoned) in violation of the state anti trust law. Judge Evans held that the anti-trust law does not prohibit an individual disposing of his stock.

To Send Hospital Ship to Boers.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The North American today said in part: "Philadelphia will send a hospital ship and a large corps of American physicians and surgeons to the Transvaal. Subscription lists will be circulated and a pro-Boer public meeting will be held at the Academy of Music with that end of view."

Boutelle's Condition Quite Serious.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The condition of Congressman C. A. Boutelle of Maine, who was taken ill in this city last week and later taken to his home in Bangor, is understood to be quite serious, and it is stated that he was brought to a sanitarium in this city.

Prof. Elliott Coues Dead.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Prof. Elliott Coues of Washington, the world-famed ornithologist and scientist, died at Johns Hopkins hospital.

William B. Gale Dead.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—William B. Gale, a well-known criminal lawyer, is dead.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Death of Former. Funeral of Latter.

MR. AND MRS. J. FISHER.

Too Ill to Attend the Services for his Deceased Wife. Mr. Fisher Remained at Home—Was Dying When the Relatives and Friends Returned.

Jacob Fisher, aged 72 years, died at his home just east of the city at noon Wednesday, at the close of the funeral services over the body of his wife, Mrs. Susan Fisher, aged 75 years, whose death occurred Sunday evening. Mr Fisher had been ill for some time with typhoid fever, and the shock caused by the death of his wife was a great blow to him. He was unable to attend the funeral services, which were held in the Reedurban Baptist church. The body of Mrs. Fisher was taken to Canton and placed in a vault When the relatives and friends returned to the residence, after services at the church Mr Fisher was sinking rapidly, and he never rallied. He was dead when those who followed the body to the cemetery returned.

Mr and Mrs. Fisher had no children, but the former leaves three brothers, Samuel Fisher, of Nevada, O., and Solomon and Peter Fisher, of Waterloo, Ind Mr. and Mrs Fisher had lived on the fine farm east of the city for many years, and they were well known in Massillon and Canton, as well as in all the surrounding farming country. Arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Fisher have not been made.

SAID TO BE ALUM POISONING.

Serious Cases of Illness Reported from the Use of Impure Baking Powder.

The poisoning of the Thomas family, of Thomas' Mill, Somerset County, four members of which were reported to have been made dangerously ill by impure baking powder used in mixing buckwheat cakes, has been further investigated.

The original can with the remainder of the baking powder left over after mixing the cakes was secured by Dr Critchfield. The powder had been bought at a neighboring country store, and was one of the low priced brands.

Dr Critchfield said that the patients had the symptoms of alum poisoning. As the same kind of baking powder is sold in many city groceries, as well as country stores, Dr. Critchfield thought it important that a chemical examination should be made to determine its ingredients. He therefore transferred the package of powder to Dr. Schill, of this city, for analysis. Dr. Schill's report is as follows:

I certify that I have examined chemically the sample of * * * * baking powder forwarded to me by Dr Critchfield. The specimen contained alum.

Dr Francis Schill, Jr., Analyst.

Alum is used in the manufacture of the lower priced baking powders It is a mineral poison, and for this reason the sale of baking powders containing it is in many cities prohibited.—Johnstown, Penn., Tribune.

NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Dynamite Explosion Does Little Damage at Coxey's Quarry.

A dynamite cartridge rolled from a platform against a hot boiler at Coxey's quarry and exploded this morning. A great hole was torn in the side of the boiler, and much steam and hot water escaped, enveloping several workmen who were near by. Before it was known whether or not the men were injured, Dr. Dissinger was called from Canal Fulton. When he arrived there was no need of his services. Operations at the quarry were delayed but a short time by the damage to the boiler.

GROSSMAN WILL RECOVER

Turning Point Passed, and Everything in His Favor.

The turning point in the condition of Frank Grossman, who was unconscious for fifteen hours after an accident at the Upper Klondike mine, and who was thought to be fatally injured, has been passed, and Dr. J. F. Gardner is confident that he will recover.

"Self Preservation

Is the first law of nature." For this reason everyone who is ill desires to become well. Those who have impure or impoverished blood turn to Hood's Sarsaparilla, because they know it will enrich and purify their blood and give them good health. To take this medicine on the first appearance of impure blood is an important step toward self preservation.

Hood's Pills cure sick headache, indigestion.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Cream Balm Liquid Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions, but changes them to a natural and healthy character Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St N. Y.

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TO FERTILIZE CORN

Part of the Profit is in the Succeeding Crops.

We frequently hear at institutes that corn is too low in price to bear fertilizing. Almost without exception, this is a short-sighted policy based on the assumption that the mere crop supplies the whole return. Superficially it would seem that an increase of 30 bushels per acre, worth $9.00, from an application of nine dollars' worth of fertilizer, would not return a profit: but this credits nothing for the value of the crop as a soil improver.

Corn is a valuable factor in any rotation, because it is a clean cultivation crop, and leaves the soil in excellent condition for the crops to follow. Unless corn ground is put in wheat in the fall, it should always be sown to field peas at the last working, to act as a catch crop and prevent the leaching out of available plant food during the winter. It is for this catch crop that corn should be freely fertilized. The fertilizer is best applied in the spring, as there is no danger of loss with a soil constantly cultivated.

An application of from 300 to 400 pounds of kainit and 200 to 300 pounds of acid phosphate per acre will carry the corn crop through, supposing the coarse farmyard manures have been used, and also insure a rank growth of peas for green manure the following spring. The potash and phosphates will largely be found in the crop to be used as green manure, and with them some 100 pounds of nitrogen the peas have accumulated from the atmosphere.

The original kainit and acid phosphate cost about four dollars per acre, and they are practically all returned in the catch crop for use again as a fertilizer: but they have added also without further cost some $12 worth of nitrogen. This is the way to use fertilizer profitably on corn. Use the chemicals freely to get a good growth of the catch crop, and the profits will take care of themselves. Any crop of the clover family will store this cheap nitrogen fertilizer, but for every pound of nitrogen the crop must receive an equal weight of potash and half as much phosphoric acid.

Ordinary acid phosphate will answer for the phosphoric acid, but potash for corn is preferably in the form of kainit. Kainit not only keeps wire worms in check, but also will aid very materially in conserving moisture in a dry season.

S. P. Cox

Dairy Items.

Tinted cream is not good for butter.

Good butter should be solid until it is used.

Cream should be kept in a cool place and be stirred often.

Butter soon deteriorates in quality after its solidity is gone.

An important item in the making of good butter is temperature.

If troubled with streaky butter use good salt and thoroughly incorporate.

Every pound of poor butter tends to block the way for an otherwise active market and helps to lower prices.

Neat, clean, attractive packages go a long way in marketing butter if the quality bears out the promise of the exterior.

Many country stores have adopted the plan of having dairy butter for their retail trade put in square bricks and wrapped in parchment paper. It is a clean, neat way of marketing much better than the round prints, and such butter readily brings one or two cents per pound more than the old style of rolls and prints.

Watering House Plants.

Much care should be exercised in watering house plants. Most persons follow the practice of soaking the soil once a day or less, and then letting it dry out until it becomes hard. This stiff, hard and unyielding character of the soil in spots is not usually conducive to the growth of plants. The earth should be kept loose by a liberal addition of vegetable mould, such as can be obtained under the leaves of an old forest or in many neglected fence rows.

For most plants a third or a half of the soil may be mould, which must be well mixed with the heavier earth, then give good drainage by employing unglazed pots with holes in the bottom, by placing a handful of broken bricks or crockery in the bottom, and over it lay sphagnum or other moss or peat. Do not water heavily. The soil should not be cold or soggy. Apply water frequently, but avoid soaking: the leaves of a plant should also be frequently sprayed, especially if evaporation goes on rapidly.

Economy of the Silo.

Calling upon a friend recently, says a correspondent of "Farm Journal," we passed a pile of stalks near the barn, awaiting husking. "Nobody can tell me that the old way of handling the crop is not a costly and laborious one," he remarked. "Look at these stalks. See what the weather has done to them. Notice the waste, both in quality and of material, and add to this the enormous loss of time and labor in husking, grinding and then the refusal of 35 percent of the total weight of roughage when it comes to the manger making coarse bedding and wretched manure. Notice the ensilage. It lies here protected and preserved perfectly until wanted be it this year or next. There is no husking, no grinding, no loss in quality or quantity, and we have a succulent food all winter upon which cows, young stock and sheep do finely. They eat every particle of it."

Sheep Husbandry.

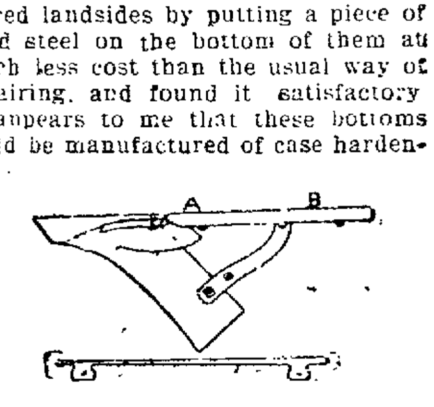
One favorable fact in relation to sheep husbandry is that its products are not glutting the markets, but on the contrary the market is good for many times the lamb and mutton that is produced in our State. There seems to be no reason why the industry may not be a profitable one for those situated favorably for its adoption. Many farms would be benefited greatly by the keeping of sheep, in the extermination of weeds and bushes. Sheep husbandry is favorable to clean culture. It calls for special attention when we have most leisure and can give it our best efforts. It is more agreeable to produce that which is sought for in the market than that which seeks a market against a large competition.

ATTACHMENT TO A PLOUGH.

A Removable Reinforcement That Reduces the Cost of Repairs.

Charles Schlosser, of Case, Okla., who is a blacksmith, is frequently called upon to repair walking ploughs. He declares that he finds the landside and share are the only parts that need to be replaced, because they are the only ones which wear away. The share is apt to suffer more than the landside. But the cost is so great that farmers usually call on the blacksmith to make repairs rather than procure new parts. Mr. Schlosser says:

"In buying a landside the farmer is compelled to buy the inside piece of which the frog is part, and which I might call the foundation of the plough. It is made of iron. He also buys the outside steel slab. The cost is from $2 upward. I have lately repaired landsides by putting a piece of hard steel on the bottom of them at much less cost than the usual way of repairing, and found it satisfactory. It appears to me that these bottoms could be manufactured of case hardened steel at a very small cost, and be replaced when worn out the same as a share is. The inclosed cut will give you further explanation. It represents a plough as seen from the bottom.



"The attachment should be 1¼ inches wide and of varying thickness. At the rear end this should be about three-quarters of an inch and at the front about three-eighths of an inch. Lugs on the bar would afford the means for bolting it to the plough. Bolts which already extend through the landsid would be used for this purpose. They are shown at A and B. A side view of the attachment is given.

"I have used this contrivance and it answers its purpose well. It is particularly adapted to use in sandy soils.

"I would like to sell my idea to a manufacturer of ploughs. The man who had exclusive rights to this simple attachment would have an advantage over all rivals."

Farm Items.

The man who is continually changing from cows to sheep, and ag in from sheep to cows, will complain there is no money in farming.

A farmer who does not love his business is not likely to succeed. Work with no heart in it is not apt to be well done, for "when the heart strays the work flags."

Concentrate your working capital, labor, and fertilizers on one-half the acres you are now tending and see if farming does not pay better dividends and cost less trouble.

The forehanded farmer is generally the full-handed farmer. He who keeps well ahead of his work is master of the situation and can take advantage of every circumstance.

If you want to keep your boy on the farm, interest him in the work by giving him an interest in the results of his labor. To add to his interest provide him with suitable books, magazines, and papers, and don't begrudge him a well-earned holiday now and then. These investments will pay almost daily dividends.

A writer in an agricultural paper says that salt scattered about will drive says that salt scatered about will drive fleas from barns, pig pens, etc.; also that when sprinkled upon a carpet and swept off before melting it will drive away fleas and also clean the dirt from the carpet. The remedy is simple and cheap and worth a trial.

Run your farm to make a living from it and you are almost sure to get a good one and make some money besides. If you farm to make money alone it is doubtful if you get either.

Trimming.

Many growers of shrubbery about dwellings make the mistake of trimming excessively, says an exchange. Still more err in not trimming enough. Such bushes as the "old-fashioned June rose" are generally left too thick, with the result that hardly one of the fragrant and really beautiful roses in each score is at all perfect. The habit of this bush is to send up an endless succession of new stems, and, unless this tendency is kept in limit by pruning, the thicket will bear mostly imperfect roses.

Another bush that calls for regular and liberal trimming is the syringa, or "mock orange," the "Philadelphus coronarinus," a very popular shrub. Left to itself this shrub converts itself in one or two seasons into a regular jungle. The old canes and new ones crowd one another until the clump loses its power to produce a fine crop of perfect flowers.

The common dooryard lilac, "Syringa vulgaris," is a third shrub that calls for the free use of the pruning knife. In the case of this, as in the cases above mentioned, cutting back the exuberant growth of new wood will greatly improve the appearance of the clump. About abandoned houses the lilac bushes run into formless thickets that finally dwarf themselves by their own overgrowth.

Various roses and flowering shrubs owe much of their beauty to judicious trimming. Judgment in selecting the canes to be left will be acquired by experience. It is easy to err in selecting the limbs or canes to be left or cut out.

Tuberculosis.

The keeper of cattle who takes it for granted that his animals are all right, when once they have shown suspicious symptoms, and ignores the opportunity afforded him by the government is guilty of a gross criminal offense against the community. While the presence on the statute books of most countries of stringent regulations regarding vaccination has saved tens of thousands of lives the absence of strict laws insisting on precautions for the prevention of tuberculosis has given consumption its victims by the hundred thousand.—Medical Journal.

OUR INDIAN REPUBLIC.

The Inhabitants Are Known as the "Cherokese of the Eastern Branch."

How many American citizens know that right in the heart of the United States there exists a separate little republic, having a Constitution and code of laws of its own, and actually electing a President to govern the people?

Such a republic exists in the western part of North Carolina, and is independent of both State and national governments. This remarkable little republic owes its origin and existence more to the negligence of the United States Government than to anything else. When the war of independence broke out the trible of Indians known as the Cherokese, in the northwestern part of North Carolina, took up the side of the royalists. This, of course, excited the vengence of the United States, and 2,000 soldiers were sent against the Cherokese under command of Colonel Scott. The Cherokese at this time numbered nearly 25,000 souls, and occupied a good bit of territory, but Scott broke up most of their homes, confiscated most of their land, and drove them to their present territory, which is hemmed in by the Ocona, Lulta and Soco Creeks.

This "republic within a republic" (which, by the way, is the only one of its kind in the world to-day), is called the Qualla Republic, and has an area of 50,000 acres, or about 82 square miles of rich valley land. The population consists of about 1,000 souls, and is both interesting and unique, being in manners and customs unlike any other on the globe, and if tradition be true the people have a most romantic history. The inhabitants of this little republic are known as "Cherokese of the Eastern branch," but in reality they differ in many respects from the Cherokee Indians of the State, and even from the numerous half-breeds, who hang about the Qualla Republic, but are never allowed to remain there longer than a few days.

Tradition has it that the Quallas are descendants of the aborigines and members of Sir Walter Raleigh's first colony, usually known as the "lost colony," some of the members of which are generally known to have escaped massacre at the hands of the Indians and to have been allowed to live among them as prisoners the remainder of their lives.

Their manners, their dress and, strongest proof of all, their language bear unmistakable evidence of their partly English origin. Their language is a strange mingling of native Cherokee with the quaint old English of Queen Elizabeth's day. As they seldom or never intermarry or associate either with whites or with other Indians, their language has been preserved in its original purity. Their dress, too though most crude in material and design, still bears traces of the fashion of Sir Walter's day.

Every four years these queer people elect a President of their little republic. He receives a salary of $500 a year, but when at Washington on business of the republic he receives $4 a day extra. He is called "Chief" and none but a Cherokee over thirty-five years old is eligible for the Presidency. When he is absent his duties are performed by a Vive-President, or "Assistant Chief," whose salary is $250 a year. The President has a Cabinet of three Secretaries, and the Congress comprises two delegates from every 100 members of the tribe. To this Congress only Qualla males over sixteen are eligible for election.

Night Air.

In summer, when the rays of the sun fall almost vertically upon the earth's surface, the gradual fall in the temperature at night comes as a welcome relief from the heat of the day.

During the rest of the year the sun's rays strike the earth more obliquely and are sufficient to warm only a thin crust at the surface, which loses its heat rapidly after the sun has set, and the temperature of the air falls abruptly. Under these conditions night air may become a source of danger. This sudden change in temperature calls for extra protection for the body, and one should never think of setting out on no matter how short a journey without extra wraps.

Except in severe weather it is not necessary to care so much for the extremities, as the circulation of the blood is maintained in these parts by their constant motion. But the chest, as the seat of the bulk of the blood and the vitality of the body, should be protected from chill. The so-called chest-protectors are useful: but nothing is simpler than to habitute one's self to wearing woollen under-clothing, suiting the weight to the season of the year. Wool is a poor conductor of heat, and when worn next the skin absorbs the perspiration and prevents too rapid loss of the body heat.

Moreover, when the temperature falls abruptly at night, the moisture present in the air is condensed, and falls to the ground in the form of dew. The dampness and chill form an additional source of danger against which it is necessary to guard, especially in the matter of foot-wear. Thicker shoes and warm, dry stockings should be worn.

The direct rays of the sun kill many of the microbes that are the specific causes of disease. Consequently night is the favorite time for the evil gnomes of disease to collect their forces and make their plan of attack against mankind. Powerless against the warm, bright rays of the sun, they succumb in the unequal contest; but at night, aided by the slight dampness, they rise from their hiding-places, and are borne away by the constantly shifting currents of air upon their errands of sickness and death.

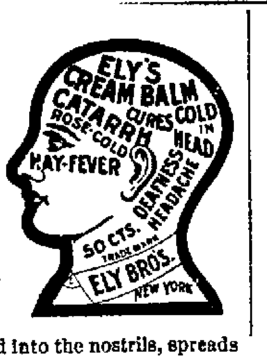
Though this may seem to be more or less fanciful, the study of the origin and life of the various germs of disease has proved that the idea embodies a truth, and that night air is favorable to their propagation.

Care in not exposing a body fatigued by the labors of day and protection against the sudden decrease in temperature and dampness are safe-guards which we can easily take on going out into the night air.

Undergoing Repairs.

Lilli (at a soiree, whispering)—What has become of Aunt Lucie's habitual smile?

Erna—It is at the dentist's.—Tit-Bits.



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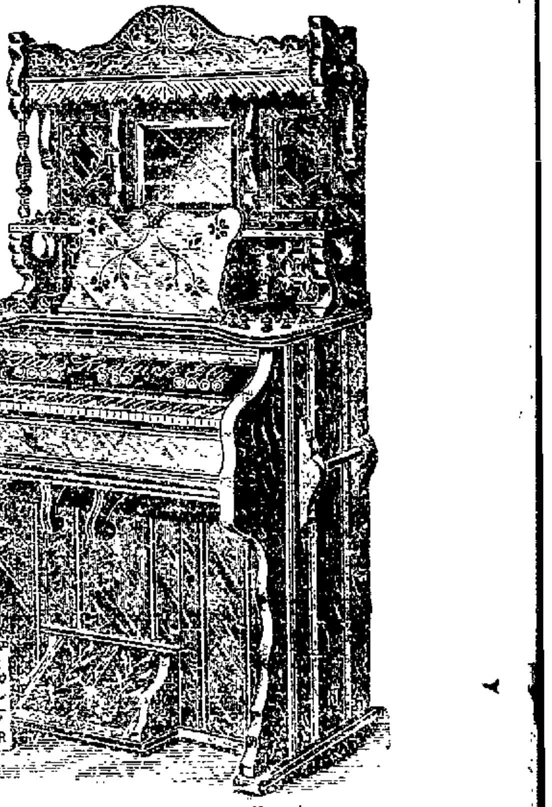

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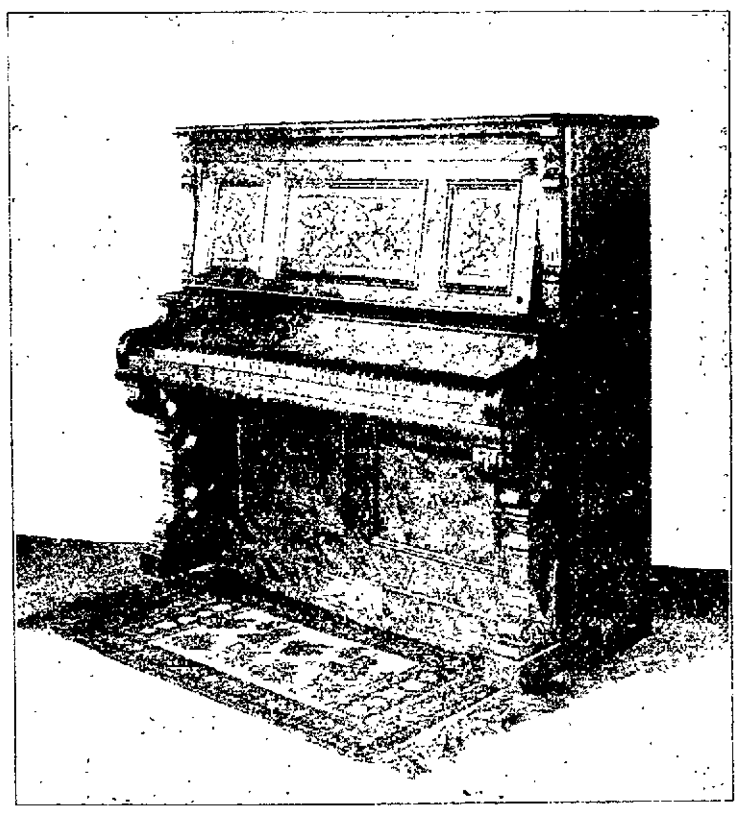

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NOT SLEEPING IN TENTS.

Philip Schearhag and Jacob Rallick Return From the West with Stories Which Differ Somewhat From Those Brought Back by Others.

Jacob Rallick and Philip Shearhag have returned from Schofield, Utah, whither sixty Massillon district miners recently went, with a story entirely different from that of Peter Sonnhalter, the only other Massillonian who has come home. They say that the work is steady, the pay good and the board reasonable. John O'Doneal, in a letter to Martin Gannon, of this city, makes the same statement, and adds that the Massillon men out there are very indignant over the tales about their alleged suffering and wretchedness which have been sent back.

"Somebody has said that they have to sleep in tents," remarked Mr. Rallick today. "Now, I boarded at a hotel all the time I was there, paying seventy-five cents a day for board. I am no a miner, so I had to do outside work at the mines For this we were paid from $2 to $2 75 a day. If anybody had to sleep in tents I don't know anything about it. The dwelling houses there have tents at the back, but I was always told that there the cooking was done. I never heard of anyone having to sleep in them. It's awfully cold out there now, and I don't think anyone could stand it without something more substantial over him. The Massillon men around where I was are all well and are working I think the pay of the miners runs about $3 a day. I heard some of them grumbling a little about loading the coal. but further I never saw any signs of trouble."

It seems that the men at Schofield are offered every inducement to save their money. The nearest saloon is six miles away, and there are no gambling houses or other resorts in the camp. John O'Doneal emphatically announces that there is not a Massillon man at work who has not enough money to pay his own way home, and many are regularly sending money to Massillon relatives

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DISCHARGED.

Where He Got His Liquor Was in the Judge's Cellar.

On one election day, a great many years ago, a certain town, in a state in which the local option law was operative, voted against granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors. In the year that followed the authorities were indefatigable in their efforts to detect and put a stop to illegal traffic, and one of their methods was to question those who were before the court for drunkenness as to where they had obtained the necessary material. It became the custom to ask of the man on trial: "Where did you get your liquor?" He was generally given to understand particularly if his case had mitigating circumstances, that a frank answer would gain him clemency. Sometimes if there was no previous conviction against him it earned him his discharge. One morning there appeared before the magistrate two coal men who wore the blackened garments in which they had been working the day before and to all appearances had been taken from their team by officers who apprehended them. Neither had a record, and, of course, their clothes in themselves were evidence that they had steady employment and under ordinary conditions were hard-working citizens. The judge intimated that if they would tell where they had obtained the beverages that had brought them into trouble he would let them go. They were not familiar with police court methods and the meaning of the judge's words dawned on them slowly but simultaneously. They looked at each other quickly and each gave a little snicker, which he immediately hushed up in a shamefaced way. Then they scratched their heads and looked at each other again and each put his hand before his face to hide a smile. "Come," said the judge, "where did you get your liquor?"

One of the prisoners nudged the other and the other nudged back. "Go on, tell him," whispered one. "No, you," said the other.

The judge said "Well,' impatiently.

"Why, ye see, y'r honor," said one of them, "It was this way. Mike and me wint out yestherday with a load o' coal and lo! and behold you it chanced that we had to take it to —ye see, we was on the load o' coal, and when we arrived at the house where it was goin', why, then, we—." Here he stopped.

"Oh, come," said the judge, "speak up. You other one, see if you can't tell about it.'

"Well, y'r honor," said the other one "it was just as Pat was saying". We wint out with the load o' coal, and whin we got there, why—y'r honor said, didn't ye, that we'd be discharged if we told where we got it?"

"I did say so," said the judge, "but you must tell it pretty quickly if you want to get off. I can't spend all the morning over you. Leave out the coal; that has nothing to do with it.

"Beggin' y'r honor's pardon, it has that," said Mike, gathering courage with a rush. "Ye see it was this way. We had to carry the coal to y'r honor's cellar, an' while there we was kind of lookin' round innocent like, and it so happened that we—er—as I was sayin' before, we was in y'r honor's cellar an'—"

"That will do," said the judge quickly. "You are discharged." They went on their way rejoicing.

Eglecting Their Duty.

Uncle (to Elsie, who has been out to look for eggs—Have you found any dear?

Elsie—No, not one: the hens are all standing about doing nothing.—Judy

Elephantine Feet.

A story is being told, which may or may not be true, about a rising young politician who has unusually large feet. His mother is a lovable old woman, but very deaf. She lives in a small house in Torquay, and is always delighted by a visit from her son. When the British fleet, which was anchored in Tor quay lately, fired a salute the old lady was observed to start, fix her cap and smooth down her apron. Then she said, with a sweet smile:—

"George is coming; I hear his footsteps on the stairs."

They Are Such Good Business Men.

"I don't know any class of business men who obtrude so little on you," said Mr. Thinkoby. "When you let them alone they take no interest in you whatever, but if they let you a loan their interest is enormous" (Of whom could he have been speaking?)

Diplomacy.

Short—Were you at the races yesterday?

Long—No.

Short—Then you are the very man I'm looking for.

Long—Why so?

Short—I want to borrow $5.

Love of One's Neighbor.

Miss Gaylord—I hear there are to be several novelties at Miss Catchem's wedding.

Miss Altair—One very pretty and practical one would be to take up a contribution for the bridegroom.

Brought Up by Hand.

Mrs. Goodheart (indignantly)—Here is a horrid woman in an industrial school who used to handcuff the children.

Mr. Goodheart (sarcastically)—I have not observed that you cuff Tommy by machinery.

NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

The Bitter Sweet Memories that Followed the Old Custom.

OH, the cheery old custom of making New Year's calls!" said a woman of my acquaintance at a little tea party the other evening "I am so sorry that it has gone out of fashion."

"It had its good points," I ventured.

"Yes, and its bad ones," said one sweet old maid. Her kindly face darkened a little as she spoke, and I scented a story.

It took much diplomacy and an extra tart or two, but I gained my point

"Thirty-five years ago," said the manless one, "the New Year's call was in full bloom. It was the proper thing everywhere, and was frightfully overdone. My sister and myself were working girls at that time, and occupied, with our mother, a small house in Morton street.

Mother took a couple of borders and we did fairly well.

"I had a 'beau' then—the only 'beau' I ever did have, by the way"—her voice broke a little here, I thought—"and his name was Charley Van Brunt. He was very fond of me, and I of him.

'New Year's, '64—it was during the war, I remember—my sister and I decided that we would 'receive callers,' so we cooked and swept and dusted and our little parlor looked very nice on New Year's morning.

"We had five kinds of cake, including the rich plum studded black article, with a night mare in every ounce—nuts, raisins, figs, coffee, tea, sherry, whiskey and port wine.

"Mother objected to the liquors but we said she was old fashioned, and gained our point, as in those days a house that didn't serve stimulants of a spirituous sort would have been pretty well 'boycotted,' as we say to-day.

"Well, the callers—all men—began to arrive at about ten o'clock in the morning, and kept it up all day.

"At noon my Charley called in a huge omnibus, as was the custom among the middle class people in those days—and brought with him seventeen fellows, not one of whom I had ever seen before.

"This was another absurd test of hospitality current at that time, and very trying it was.

"For seventeen lusty strangers to run amuck amid our already depleted stock was of itself an aggravation, but the quantities that they ate and drank, in honor of 'Charley's girl,' had an effect far from pleasing, for some of the callers became a trifle boisterous and seemed disinclined to depart.

"But my principal worry was about Charley.

"I had always supposed him strictly temperate, but on this occasion he drank a great deal. Oh, how I wished then that I had taken my mother's advice about the liquor.

'His face grew red, his eyes glassy, his speech thick and his walk unsteady.

"I fancy now that he must have been drinking before he called on me, but at that time I felt that I was alone responsible for his condition.

When he approached me to say 'goodby' I shrunk from him in disgust. He saw it, and it angered him. We had some words, he dashed out and I went to my room to weep.

"I never saw him again."

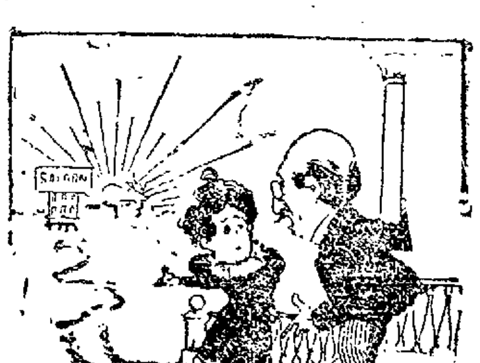
"What!" we ejaculated.

"Never! In a defiant mood he must have drunk more and more. He had a quarrel with a companion, blows were struck he was arrested and lodged all night in jail. I read of it in the paper next morning and my soul sickened. He called to see me a few days after, but I would not receive him. Perhaps I was wrong, perhaps I was right. At all events, he became a confirmed drunkard, and I don't feel that I was altogether responsible."

How He Got Even.

1.—Weary Wanderer—All right, Mr. Boodle. If ye won't help me I'll get even wid yer ter night.

2.—Now, den, I'll make des tracks in de snow fer his wife ter see.



3.—Boodle's Wife—How dare you, George! Look at those footprints, and you told me only yesterday that you would swear off for this New Year.

GREAT WORK OF CHARITY.

War Department Figures Tell Extent of Relief to Storm-Stricken Puerto Ricans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The war department made public a statement showing the progress made in relief work in the island of Puerto Rico between Sept. 25 and Nov. 30, 1899. The population of the island is estimated at 918,926. The average daily indigent was 221,087 persons; average weekly sick, 17,371, and the average weekly deaths, 632 persons. The annual death rate was 35 per 1,000 inhabitants, while the normal rate of deaths was 26 per 1,000.

It is believed that until February next the demand for assistance is likely to increase in the mountain districts, as the plantains and bananas will not be ripe for two months to come. The greatest distress prevails in a locality where the greatest difficulty is found in getting food to the starving.

The worst area contains a population of about 250,000, and not a wagon road is to be found in any direction over which food can be transported. All food is carried on the backs of horses. Of this population 200,000 people must be fed or they will starve. If not fed at home they will migrate to the cities, leaving the weak to die.

Pestilence, which frequently follows flood and famine, has appeared among the unfortunate inhabitants in the mountain districts, and a number of people have perished. It is feared that the epidemic will spread to the coast, should there be a general movement of the mountain people in that direction. A movement of this kind has already been anticipated, and is being successfully controlled. But the relief must be continued largely in the mountain districts for all of December and during the greater part of January. It is estimated that not less than 2,000 additional tons of food will be required. The amount of cash received for the relief of the suffering people of the island up to Nov. 30 was $15,[illegible]. The amount of money disbursed up to the date mentioned was $7,417.

Up to Nov. 30 the total amount of food received was 17,162,788 pounds. Of this amount 16,548,516 pounds had been issued up to Nov. 30. The amount of unissued food on hand at San Juan on Nov. 30 was 614,272 pounds.

Tinplate Mill for Altoona.

ALTOONA, Dec. 26.—Negotiations are now pending that will result in the establishment of a tinplate plant here in the spring. New York and Boston capitalists and L. C. Wolfe, of this city, are at the head of the project. Options are held on several locations for the mill.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 28, 1899

The striking similarity between Spanish and Democratic rule is found in the fact that land in the little island of Guam, that was worth only $15 an acre under Spain's regime. is now selling for $100 an acre.

To add to the general uneasiness caused by the difficulty of fixing the time for the beginning of the twentieth century, comes the startling prediction that the next century will be the last, whether it begins in 1900 or the year after. The Sunday Democrat, a Roman Catholic publication, predicts that the second coming of Christ will be in A. D. 2000. basing its assertion on a prophecy of St. Malachi.

The war office authorities in London appear at last to be convinced that hostilities in South Africa will continue much longer than was originally expected. Last Wednesday they placed with one firm in London a contract for 10,000 tons of fodder, the delivery to commence in South Africa during the first week in March. Similar contracts have been made elsewhere, showing that England is preparing for a continuance of the war well along in the summer.

The seventy-fourth general assembly of Ohio will hold its first meeting next Monday at Columbus with every prospect favorable for a profitable session. The legislature is Republican in both branches: there are good chances that Mr. Snyder, of Stark county, will be elected speaker, and with an efficient and fair presiding officer there is no reason why the business which is to come before the convention should not be transacted in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

After reading over 30,000 pages of legislation in the forty-five states—all of it less than two years old—the Hon. Samuel J. Barrows, of the international prison commission, contributes a very interesting article to the "Forum" for January on "New Crimes and Penalties." Mr. Barrows carefully touches upon the great number of modern crimes, which could not have been committed in ancient days because the instruments for their perpetration did not exist. Because they are the outcome of modern civilization they require new legislation. Many absurd statutes, which have been enacted by the legislatures of the different states, are also noted.

From the absence of military information, and the fact that nothing is allowed to come through from South Africa referring to the state of things in Cape Colony, it is conjectured that there is nothing favorable to the British side. or it would be reported without unnecessary delay. The assumption that the British commanders are free to mark time until re inforcements arrive seems to ignore the Boers altogether. for however willing the British may be to cease active operations until the arrival of additional troops from England. it is exceedingly unlikely that the Boer generals will allow the opportunity presented to pass without striking rapid and vigorous blows at the British. From this standpoint no news is not good news for England.

In the calm which succeeds the greatest of all holidays, business men, workingmen and fathers of families will do well to reflect that repetitions of the sort of cheer which prevailed this Christmas depend entirely upon themselves. There has been a gain of about five hundred million dollars in the amount of money in circulation in the United States during the past two years of restored peace and prosperity. The figures of this gigantic increase of material wealth and of money in the hands of the people have a suggestiveness that is startling. They show what the country escaped when. in 1896. it chose between William McKinley and William J. Bryan. They are also peculiarly suggestive in connection with the presidential contest of next year. The way to make the coming Christmas as satisfactory as the last is to place in power next November the candidates of the party which has brought the country to its present condition of material well being.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Massillon, December 26, 1899:

LADIES.

Hathaway. Miss Catherine
Richardson, Miss Minnie
Swigert. Mrs. Etta

MEN.

Budens, Frederick	Myers. Mr. Jns. Agt.
Gray, Jack	Pfeerman, Valentine
Moore, John	Ranetz, Clem
Moore, Caskey	Smith, H. S.
Wilder, L. A.	

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say advertised.

FELIX R. SHEPLEY, P. M.

MASSILLON'S CHRISTMAS.

Good Cheer and Perfect Weather Prevailed—In the Churches.

The mantle of snow which fell on Sunday night put the final touch to Massillon's good old-fashioned Christmas and emphasized the good cheer which reigned yesterday in hundreds of Massillon homes. Not in many years have more elaborate preparations been made to render the day a happy one. and never in his long and useful career has that benevolent personage known as Santa Claus turned out a richer or more acceptable assortment of articles than were tucked into Massillon's stockings and ranged around Massillon's firesides.

The various Christmas programmes, as published in Saturday's INDEPENDENT, were carried out in the various churches The German congregations and the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches are the only ones which celebrate the Feast of the Nativity on Christmas day instead of on the Sunday preceding: a number of the Sunday schools, however, had their celebrations on Monday. including the distribution of presents from beautifully decorated trees and the singing of Christmas carols

The services in St. Mary's and St. Joseph's churches began as early as 4:30 on Chrismas morning, later services being held at 7:30, 9:30 and at 2:30 p. m. At St. Timothy's church there was a service at 10:15 and at St. Paul's church at 10. The musical programme of St. Joseph's choir will be repeated at midnight on Sunday, December 31.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Engineer Asa Reynolds, of the W. & L. E, who was injured near Wellington, Saturday evening has been brought to the city, and is now under the care of Dr. Pumphrey at his home in Main street. Mr. Reynolds, who was on extra No. 162 east, had a narrow escape from death. A heated cylinder called him out on the running board when about a mile and a half west of Wellington, while the train was in motion A sudden lurch of the engine threw him from his place to the ground. In consequence he suffered a dislocated shoulder and several bruises. The fireman ran a quarter of a mile before he discovered the engineer's absence. Had the accident happened a quarter of a mile farther on, he would have gone down a trestle fifty feet high to certain death.

NEWS FROM CANTON.

A Fire Last Night Destroys Property Valued at $18,000.

CANTON, Dec. 27.—The large two and a half story brick building owned by the Berger Manufacturing Company, situated at the corner of Ninth and Cherry streets, caught fire in some unknown manner about 11 o'clock Wednesday evening, and with its entire contents was burned to the ground. A portion of the building was occupied by the New Method laundry, owned by Shane Brothers, which had been in operation but a few days, and the remainder as a storeroom for the Spark Bicycle Manufacturing Company. Two hundred new wheels, belonging to the latter firm, were destroyed. The value of the building and stock was about $18,000. Insurance $7,000.

Superintendent Lichtenwalter and wife and Directors Bixler, Howenstine and Hardgrove, of the county infirmary, will attend a social gathering at the Carroll county infirmary on December 29th.

The term of Infirmary Director Bixler will expire January 3, on which date he will be succeeded by Andrew Reese, of Washington township, who was elected at the recent election.

Will has been filed for probate in the estate of Sarah Zellars, of Perry township.

A marriage license has been granted to Herman Walters and Gertrude Levers, of Bentley.

Card of Thanks.

The Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Foust and family wish, through the papers, in addition to Mr. Foust's public statement last Sunday, to thank the members and friends of their congregation who so kindly remembered them on Christmas and placed in their dining room an elegant sideboard, which the Rev. Mr. Foust and family prize very much for its cash value, but which they prize still more highly because it speaks louder than words of the friendship and love, the bonds of christian fellowship, that are daily growing stronger between pastor and people. Such tokens of mutual goodwill constrained the world in days gone by to cry, "See how these christians love one another!" And do not they today call forth even stronger exclamations? Yes, brethren, we do thank you and we thank God that our lot has been cast amid such pleasant surroundings.

Something for the New Year.

The world renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for half century as a stomahic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets Hostetter's Almanac. This medical treatise is published by the Hostetter Company, Pittsburg, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing sixty hands in that department. The issue of same for 1900 will be over eleven millions, printed in nine languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health. and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The Almanac for 1900 can be obtained, free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

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COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

Street Car Barn Burned Sunday.

LOSS AMOUNTS TO $65,000

Fire Originated From an Electric Heater in a Car—Body of a Man Found in East Creek Tuesday Morning—A Jackson Township Case.

CANTON, Dec. 26.—The amount of damage sustained by the Canton-Massillon Electric Railway Company in the fire, which originated in their car barns, in West Tuscarwas street, Sunday evening is estimated at about $65,000. The loss is covered by insurance. Cars are running as usual today, beyond that on the Canton lines the time between transfers has been increased.

The last car had been brought into the barn for the night, shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday night. when Curt Wachtel, assistant night barn boss, smelling smoke, found on investigation, one of the Canton city cars in the rear of the building a mass of flames, the fire undoubtedly having started from an electric heater in the car. He immediately turned in an alarm, and the three companies responding, soon had the flames under control. Of the twenty-six cars in the barn at the time of the fire, eight were consumed. fifteen badly scorched and three saved by employes. One of the large summer interurban cars was destroyed. The rear part of the building. which was constructed of large tiles and iron, and which was supposed to be fire-proof, is a complete wreck, while the wall of the remaining part of the structure is weakened. The fifteen cars that were scorched are being repaired and put into service as rapidly as possible. Cars from the Massillon barn are assisting during the shortage.

The body of an unknown man of powerful stature was discovered frozen in the ice, in East creek, under the Pennsylvania railway bridge, this morning. A large gash on the right side of his head indicates his being struck by a train and pitched from the bridge. Coroner Schuffele has viewed the body, but as yet has returned no verdict.

Albert Gurski, John Gurski, Elizabeth Bordeaux, Rose Gonser, Amelia Bolinski, and Frances Gurski, alleging themselves to be legatees in the estate of the late John Gurski, of Jackson township, and naming Caroline Gurski, Agnes Shisler and H. W. Hosler, trustees of said estate, as defendants, have begun action in common pleas court to have deceased's will set aside, alleging that when said will was executed, deceased was incapable of mind, and that defendants, cognizant of the fact, brought undue influences to bear upon him, to the securing of bequests advantageous to themselves. Attorney Upham filed the petition.

Canton firemen had three fires in succession to deal with Monday evening. All were trifling, however, and extinguished without difficulty.

In the estate of Anna McCauley, of Massillon, final account and exceptions have been withdrawn, and a substituted account filed by leave of court.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Fred Clasper and Charlotte Kay, and Ira Zimmerman and Iva Clapper, of Massillon, and William Jones and Alice Frew, of North Lawrence.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease. requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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THE LEGISLATORS LEAVE.

Messrs. Snyder, Metzgar and Pollock in Columbus.

Representative-elect C. W. Metzgar left today for Columbus, to join his Stark county fellow legislators, R. A. Pollock, of North Lawrence, who went to Columbus Tuesday, and J. B. Snyder, of Canton, who has been at the capital for several days. Snyder's candidacy for the speakership is receiving hearty endorsement on every hand. There is every probability that at this session a bill to abolish the spring election will be introduced. The Stark county legislators, when they left, were not ready to say how they felt toward the measure.

A MAN AND A GUN

N. Clark Has a Hard Fight With Both.

BURGLARS AT MT. AIRY.

Returning Home at a Late Hour Saturday, Mr. Clark Walks Into a Loaded Revolver—Was Pummeling the Owner When Another Burglar Arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Clark attended a party Saturday evening, and it was considerably after midnight when they returned to their South Erie street home, Mt. Airy. which they now share with the Sailer family. They went around to the kitchen door, and Mr. Clark entered first. The moment he crossed the threshold, a revolver was thrust into his face, and he was told to throw up his hands. Instead of so doing, however, Mr. Clark caught the revolver with one hand, and dealt the man a hard blow with his other fist. They went down together, Mr. Clark retaining his hold on the pistol. The screaming of Mrs. Clark and the noise of the fall of the two men attracted the attention of the robber's companion, who was in the Sailer portion of the house. He quickly came in, and, tapping Mr. Clark on the head with a revolver, said, "I've got you; give up."

Mr. Clark rose, and the men ran out. They returned a few minutes later, and with cocked revolvers possessed themselves of their shoes, which they had taken off while ransacking the house. Mr. Clark was unarmed, so he attempted to do nothing against the burglars. The robbers, however, did not put on their shoes immediately upon leaving the house, for tracks in the soft earth for some distance were made by their bare feet. An investigation showed that all the burglars secured was two overcoats. All the tableware and many other articles of value were found in a bundle on the dining room table. The men evidently were about ready to get away with their booty when interrupted. The members of the Sailer family were at home while the robbery was taking place, but none of them heard the burglars, who entered by picking a doorlock, until Mr. Clark arrived. The overcoats stolen belonged to Otto Sailer.

The police were immediately notified of the affair. After sending a request to Canton that the bloodhounds be brought over immediately. the officers started out in every direction, going nearly to Navarre in their search. The hounds did not reach Massillon until about 10 o'clock. The tracks of the men by this time had filled with water and the scent was destroyed. The hounds worked all right until they struck the water. They could do nothing after this. A suspicious looking character was arrested last night by Policeman Brownsberger. He will be held pending an investigation.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. SUSAN FISHER.

Mrs. Susan Fisher, aged 75 years, wife of Jacob Fisher, died at her home between this city and Reedurban at 11 o'clock Sunday night. Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow at the Reedurban church, the Rev. Mr. Lister officiating. Interment will take place at the Malsheimer cemetery, near North Industry. Mrs. Fisher was ill but two days. Paralysis of the lungs was the cause of death.

MISS CATHERINE BERG.

The death of Miss Catherine Berg occurred at 10 o'clock Sunday night. She was 34 years old and lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Berg, just west of the city. Miss Berg was a member of the Ladies of the Maccabees, St. John's church and the Cigarmakers' Association. Previous to two years ago she was employed as a cigarmaker. The cause of death was lung trouble. Funeral services will be held at the residence at 1 o'clock and at St. John's Evangelical church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

ROY E. HICKOX.

Roy E. Hickox died at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Parsell, No. 41 Plum street, Sunday morning, after a two weeks' illness with pneumonia. Mr. Hickox was 25 years of age, and, with the exception of nine months spent in Pittsburg, where his parents now reside, had spent his entire life in Massillon. The funeral took place from the Parsell residence at 2.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. F. H. Simpion officiating.

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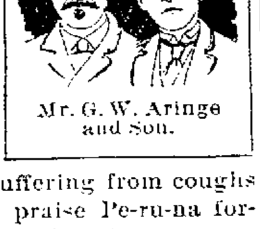

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Mr. G. W. Aringe, of Collinsville, Tex., writes: "I have been using Pe-ru-na for cough I have had for some time. It has completely cured me, and I do heartily recommend it to those suffering from coughs and colds. I will praise Pe-ru-na forever." Pe-ru-na cures la grippe.

Mr. Joseph Kirchensteiner.

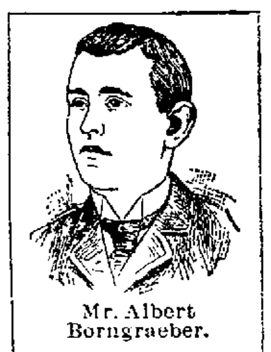
Mr. Joseph Kirchensteiner, 87 Croton street, Cleveland, O., says: "We have used Pe-ru-na for eight years as our family medicine. During the whole of that time we have not had to employ a physician. Our family consists of seven, and we always use it for the thousand and one ailments to which mankind is liable. We have used it in cases of scarlet fever, measles and la grippe. Whenever one of the family feel in the least ill mother always says: 'Take Pe-ru-na and you will be well,' or, if we do not happen to have any, 'We will have to get more Pe-ru-na.' Pe-ru-na is always satisfactory in colds and coughs."

Free Correspondence.

The climatic diseases of winter are mainly coughs, colds, catarrh, bronchitis, tonsilitis and other catarrhal affections of the respiratory tract. Pe-ru-na is an absolute specific for all of these affections. Pe-ru-na will cure a cough or a cold in a very few days. Pe-ru-na will cure chronic catarrh even of years' standing in a few weeks. Pe-ru-na should be kept in every house as a safeguard against the many affections to which the family is liable during the winter season.

In every city and large town in the United States the Sister of Charity has become a familiar object. The Catholic Sisters—sweet messengers of charity. ceaseless and indefatigable in their labors—move quietly and swiftly in and out among the people, receiving, dispensing, assisting and comforting. Neither heat nor cold, fatigue or danger, deter them from their errands of mercy. They are to be found in palace and hovel; in the boulevard and brothel. Nothing daunts them. Nothing discourages them. Vast institutions of refuge for the homeless and hopeless have arisen in every city by their tireless labors.

By no means the least service they render helpless humanity is their dispensation of medicine. Their experience among the sick, and their anxiety to be of assistance to them, soon lead them to know the most efficient and safe remedies. It would be impossible that so popular and valuable a remedy as Pe-ru-na could have escaped their attention. Many letters have been received from institutions of this kind praising the benefit that Pe-ru-na has been to them.



Mr. Albert Borngraeber.

Mr. Albert Borngraeber, of Mayville, Wis., says: "I want to tell you that I have been given good health by Pe-ru-na. In September, 1893, I caught a very bad cold. It settled on my lungs and I was troubled with night sweats and a terrible cough. I could not sleep part of the time. I could scarcely breathe. I began to take Pe-ru-na, and in a short time was entirely cured."

Mr. W. E. McKain.

Mr. W. E. McKain, Iowa Park. Texas, who was completely restored to health by Pe-ru-na writes as follows. "I have used your Pe-ru-na and have given it a thorough trial. I must say the result was flattering to you, and I can conscientiously recommend it for coughs, colds, and especially la grippe." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O., for a book on chronic catarrh. Sent free.

VICTIMS OF MAINE DISASTER.

One Hundred and Fifty-one Reach Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—The bodies of one hundred and fifty-one victims of the Maine disaster arrived here today, escorted by a guard of twelve men from the battleship Texas, among the number Jerry Shea, one of the original crew of the Maine. Interment will take place at the Arlington cemetery tomorrow, with the President and all members of the cabinet in attendance.

THE LAWTON FUND.

Over Thirty Thousand Dollars Has Been Subscribed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—General Corbin announces that the cash subscriptions to the fund for the widow of General Lawton aggregate $17,323, and with the sums pledged by cities and individuals amounts to $31,404 It is believed that by January 1 the sum will reach $50,000

THE CASE IN DOUBT.

Not Known How the Vote on Quay's Case Will Stand.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—In speaking of the Quay case today, Senator Beveridge said all the talk about the number of votes for or against the seating of Quay was nonsense, as nobody now knows how the vote will go. The whole matter, says the senator, is a question of constitutional construction, and has nothing to do with corrupt methods of election.

OFF FOR AFRICA.

Roberts and Kitchener Leave Gibraltar Today

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—General Kitchener joined General Roberts here and both sailed together today for South Africa.

Now is the time to subscribe.

FIRE AT FORT WAYNE.

Two Establishments are Burned, Causing Loss of $200,000.

FORT WAYNE, Dec. 27—[By Associated Press]—Fire at 5 o'clock this morning destroyed the wholesale and retail department goods establishment of George Dewald & Co., and the crockery store of M. F. Kaag, causing a loss of $200,000; insurance $135,000. The Dewald establishment was one of the oldest in the Northwest.

BOERS INTRENCHING.

The Force Surrounding Methuen Largely Increased.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—The war office today received a dispatch from Capetown, saying that the situation was unchanged. Methuen reports that the Boer force confronting him has been largely increased, and for some time the Boers have been digging intrenchments but a short distance from the outlying British pickets.

WILL ROAST THE COFFEE.

Forty-two Thousand Bags from a Plague Infected Ship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—President Murphy, of the board of health. has decided that the coffee which came from Santos on the vessel infected with bubonic plague should be landed and roasted in Brooklyn. There were forty-two thousand bags aboard.

SAVED HIS NECK.

A Cincinnati Murderer Pronounced Insane.

CINCINNATI, Dec 27.—[By Associated Press]—In the case of the killing of Detective Meehan by Dudley Ferguson, son of E. A. Ferguson, one of the most distinguished lawyers of this city, the coroner's verdict holds that the murderer was mentally irresponsible.

New Year's attraction at the Armory. "Cyrano De Bergerac," at 10, 20 and 30c.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Items of Interest Gathered by Our Representatives.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs H. Halpin.

Harry Richeimer left this morning for Boston, where he will spend the holidays.

Noah Morgan, of Pittsburg, is a guest at Thackwell's residence, No. 17 Cliff street.

John Dingler has returned from a two days' hunt in Summit county with fifty-five rabbits.

Miss Lucile Edgar is spending the holidays with Miss Verna Kreiter, in New Philadelphia.

Miss Ella Hill, of Monroeville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hill, in Green street.

Mrs George Duerr, living near Youngstown, dropped dead after eating her Christmas dinner.

Thomas O. Poe, of Pittsburg, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Olivia Poe, in Wissmar avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bott, of Akron, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs S A. Morgan in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schmettau, of Toledo, spent Christmas at the Everhard residence, in East Main street.

Judge and Mrs. A. J. Ricks and Miss Ricks, of Cleveland, are guests at the residence of Mrs. Helena R. Slusser.

Mrs. Charles Krider and Miss Ruth Krider are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mobley in Columbus during the holidays.

The date selected for the concert by the Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra at the new Armory is Friday, January 5.

Mrs. Madge Bacher and sons, of Wooster, are visiting at the residence of Mrs W. Swartz, in East Tremont street.

The rolling mill has been closed for a few days to enable necessary repairs to be made on heating furnaces and machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kutschbach, of Wilmot, are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Schindler, in Weber street

Bell telephones have been placed as follows: Frank Weiler, No. 291, tin store, North E [illegible] street: Edward Shedd, No. 353, residence, South Mill street.

Mrs. Joseph Drake and children, of Newark, and Mr and Mrs. John Budd, of Perrysville, are guests of Mr and Mrs. Sherman Budd, in East Tremont street.

Miss Maude Keller will give a recital in the Presbyterian chapel on Thursday, January 4. The programme to be presented will consist of music and readings.

Charles and Benjamin Gans, who are students at Kenyon Military Academy, Gambier, have returned to their home in Navarre, after visiting relatives in the city.

The members of the Massillon fire department have requested THE INDEPENDENT to say that they are deeply grateful to their friends who remembered them on Christmas.

The citizens of Akron will donate fifty thousand dollars toward a fund for rebuilding Buchtel college. The trustees of the institution have decided to rebuild as soon as possible.

At the election of officers of the Eighth O. N. G, last Saturday, Vollrath, of Bucyrus, was elected colonel. Weybrecht, of Alliance, lieutenant colonel, and Marquis, of Mansfield, major.

Mrs. L. W. McFarland and the Misses McFarland, of New Hartford, N. Y., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Reed who are now occupying their new residence in East Main street

The new Warwick mine, on the Eggert farm, west of the city, is now down more than a hundred feet. Another hundred will complete the shaft. It is expected that the mine will be producing coal by February.

Jacob C. Seacrist, aged 56, machinist employe of the Morgan Engineering Company, of Alliance, dropped dead from heart failure just after commencing work on Tuesday morning. His wife died a few weeks ago.

On Monday evening, January 1, 1900, the dawn of the twentieth century will be celebrated by a social given under the auspices of the Ladies of the Eastern Star. All Masons, with their families, are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. A. P. L. Pease slipped on the ice in front of his Cherry street residence on Saturday night, and as a result is confined to the house with a sprained ankle. The sprain is a slight one and Dr. Pease expects to be out again in a day or two.

Mrs. Georgia Berky has returned from Allentown, where she has been spending several months, and is at present at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Cordelia Fox, at No. 84 East Oak street. Mrs. Berky will be ready to receive her music pupils the first week in January.

Frederick W. Clasper and Miss Charlotte Kay were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kay, in Chester street, at 11 o'clock Christmas morning, the Rev. J. F. Clokey officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Clasper are both well known young people of this city. Mr. Clasper is employed in the carriage works of C. E. Archer.

News has been received in Massillon of the death of Lloyd Deal, aged 15, which occurred at Trenton, Mo., on December 10. The boy jumped from a train that was running slowly and in some way was thrown back under the wheels. His arm was cut off and his head injured. His father, the Rev. G. F. Deal, was formerly pastor of the U. B. church of this city.

About forty friends and relatives witnessed the marriage of Edward Myers and Miss Anna Davidson, both of Ashland, at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Myers, in West Main street, at 5 o'clock Monday evening The Rev. J E Digel performed the ceremony. The groom formerly resided in Massillon and is well known here. Mr. and Mrs. Myers will reside in Ashland.

Miss Jennie Archer entertained a small party of friends at her home in South Hill street, Tuesday evening, in honor of Massillonians who have been attending various schools, but who now are spending the holidays in the city. Those present were the Misses Cora Menuez and Amie Inman, of Harcourt seminary, Gambier, and Lucile Shoemaker, of Hiram college; Messrs. Floyd Snyder and Walter Jones, of the Western Reserve academy, and Charles Gans, of Kenyon Military academy, Gambier.

A HOLIDAY HUMOR

Two Gladsome Days at the State Hospital.

THE CHRISTMAS FEAST.

Presents on Saturday, Sweetmeats Sunday and Rabbit Potpie Monday —Other Interesting Items from the Big Institution.

The holiday humor and attire have ruled at the state hospital for two days. All traces of recent festivities have not yet disappeared. In the minds of the patients, from which almost everything else slips away, the memory of these happy events is always present. Unfortunates whose memories cannot retain the names of fellow patients for five minutes remember all the pleasant things of an unusual celebration. Though the entertainment took place Saturday night, they are talking about nothing else today, and they will talk about nothing else for several days Everybody received a present, in most cases it being an article of wear. The entertainment was given by the Vandersall family, of Canton, and the programme consisted mainly of songs, recitations and declamations. The presents were distributed while the patients were in the hall. Greater happiness could not have been imagined than that which was expressed on the faces of all the people as they opened their respective packages. The two tall Christmas trees resplendent in their trimmings and many colored electric lights, were weighted down with all sorts and conditions of bulky presents. The electrical effect of the trees was heightened by the absence of all other lights.

The main feature of the Christmas dinner was the rabbit potpie. The modification of the law respecting the shooting of the cotton-tails has made the rabbit as much a holiday commodity as the turkey. When the patients heard of this, they were unanimous for bunny. Previous to the dinner the state filled their pockets with nuts, candy and oranges.

The Sunday services at the institution were conducted by the Rev C. M. Roberts, of St Timothy's church

A series of dances for attaches only has been arranged, the first of which will probably take place next Monday. The Friday evening dance for the patients will, of course, take place as usual Each employe will be permitted to issue a limited number of invitations to persons not connected with the institution.

John Becker, of Chafer & Becker, of Cleveland, who have the contract for the steam fitting of the new cottages, looked over the work last week. So much of it has been finished that a number of the employes have left for their homes As tunnels to cottages G and H have not been made, much of the work about those buildings must necessarily be delayed for a short time. These tunnels will connect with the main passage and will contain all the pipes running to and from the buildings. The buildings are all heated by steam piped from the boiler house.

ANOTHER BOSTON FAILURE.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—[By Associated Press]—Edward Hodges & Co, bankers and brokers, failed today. The firm was one of the largest in the city, and dealt mainly in municipal bonds.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co, Chicago or New York.

"Great Haste is Not Always Good Speed."

Many people trust to luck to pull them through, and are often disappointed. Do not dilly-dally in matters of health. With it you can accomplish miracles. Without it you are "no good."

Keep the liver, kidneys, bowels and blood healthy by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the faultless blood purifier.

Dyspepsia—"I know a positive relief for dyspepsia and that is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cured me. My neuralgia also stopped." W. B. BALDWIN, 164 Oak Street, Binghamton, New York.

Tired Feeling—"My appetite was capricious, my liver disordered and I was tired. Hood's Sarsaparilla relieved it all. It cured a friend of mine of female weakness." MRS. JESSIE A. MEARNS, Clayton, Del

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Canal Dover Grants Telephone Franchise.

INDEPENDENT VS. BELL

New Company Organized at Malvern to Mine Gold—A Newman Correspondent's Views on the Chief Mine Inspectorship—Holiday Doings in Various Towns.

CANAL DOVER, Dec 27.—Considerable gossip has been created here by the granting of a franchise at the last meeting of the city council to the Independent Telephone Company, of Cleveland, which has been represented in this territory by ex-Mayor R E McKisson, of that city. It was generally believed up to the moment that the franchise was granted that the Independent Company could not obtain it, hence the great surprise on the part of the people. Another fact that seemed to indicate that the new company would have hard sledding to secure the franchise was that it had been previously turned down in seeking the same franchise not more than a month previous. On the night in question, council assembled as usual, and there were but few visitors present. Dan Reiss, a councilman who had previously voted against the granting of the franchise, moved to reconsider it, and when the ordinance came up, voted for it, making a majority in its favor. When it was learned that the franchise had been granted it was the talk of the town. This is a signal for a bitter war between the Independent Company and the Bell people from this time on for supremacy here. The Bell Company thought they had the council with them, but it appears that they have been deserted from some quarter. It is stated on good authority that the Bell people will be willing to let their 'phones remain in houses and business places free, if thereby they can crowd out the new company.

The discovery of gold at Malvern is being revived. As detailed in the papers, the first discovery was made by A. L Wartman who is being backed by Cleveland capitalists, who have incorporated a company and are now engaged in selling stock. Another new company has been formed at Malvern within the past few days, of which J. H. Shott, a gold miner of many years experience in the West, and also an expert assayer, is the promoter. He was induced to come East from an assay made of quartz taken from the land of James VanMeter and Urban Ebner, who own farms adjoining, about two miles east of Malvern. Shott secured a long time lease on a portion of their land, and says that he will organize a company. In speaking of the assays he has made since he arrived he says they give a showing of gold in amounts of from $5.00 to $20.00, and in one or two instances $30.00 to the ton of ore.

There is considerable speculation here as to what route the projected branch of the Cleveland, Terminal & Valley railroad from Valley Junction, north of here, to this city, will take after leaving here or whether this will be its southern terminus in the near future Railroad officials point out that the Valley will most certainly continue its new construction on southwest from here and predict that it will tap the Baltimore & Ohio line at Newark, which company (B. & O.) is now in control of the Valley. This would give the B. & O a direct line into Cleveland from southwestern territory and would make it entirely independent of the Pennsylvania Company's interests. The surveyors who laid out the route for the new line from Valley Junction to this city continued in their survey to the southwest, which would indicate that the predicted route is the true one.

Canal Dover merchants report one of the heaviest holiday businesses in their experience. Sales in almost all mercantile line for the week preceding the holidays will average one-third more than the sales of any corresponding week in preceding years.

NEWMAN NEWS.

NEWMAN, Dec. 27—The Misses Clara Baughman and Margaret Findley were the guests of Miss Jennie Kitt at Canal Fulton on Christmas.

William Ralston, who has been holding down a good position at Cleveland for some time, spent Christmas with his parents.

The Masters family and William Jacket, of the East End, ate their Christmas turkey with Newman relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Selway, of Massillon, were the guests of Albert Stock and wife during the Christmas week.

James Wagoner, of Carrollton, is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Morganthaler.

Albert Williams, of England, is the guest of his uncle, John Prosser, during the holidays.

The entertainment or rather a cantata entitled the "Coming of the King" given in the village church Sunday evening was well rendered in every particular the singing deserving special mention. The choir was under the direction of Charles H. Roderick, and was assisted by Mrs. Alice Harrold, nee Rowlands, of Massillon. The church was handsomely decorated, and the large audience present gave evidence of their appreciation by the raptured attention given. We heard the exercises commented on as being the best ever given in the church, which were absolutely free, not even a collection being taken to defray expenses. The committee in charge deserves the thanks of all our people for the interest manifested and the labor performed in making the entire affair such a glittering success.

Thomas E. Masters and Miss Sadie E. Griffith are enjoying their holiday vacation with Cleveland friends.

We learn that the only avowed candidates so far heard of for chief inspector of mines are the Hon. Andrew Roy, William A. Davis and the present incumbent, the Hon. R. M. Haseltine. Mr Roy has served the people as inspector for eight years, and should step aside for some other worthy person. Mr. Davis has served one term as assistant inspector of mines under a Democratic administration and should be permitted to gain his residence in the Republican party before seeking the emoluments of a party he fought so hard and bitter in recent years. The hard knocks he gave McKinley and his friends during the Dave Paige campaign have not been erased from a political standpoint. Then Mr. Haseltine, the present incumbent, has served the good people of Ohio continuously for lo these many years, and certainly possesses the most mysterious combination for holding on to this position known to Ohio politics We first find him appointed chief inspector of mines by the governor, now United States Senator J. B Foraker; then he is permitted to hold over under Governor Campbell's Democratic administration then he next secures smooth sailing under Governor McKinley's administration, and has continued to meet with the hearty approval of Governor Bushnell's administration, and now he seeks to hypnotize the Nash administration by holding on to his position with the tenacity of a bull dog. Here we find a man unparalelled in Ohio politics for holding office, being in line with the Democratic party and all factions of the Republican party, with the possible exception of the recent Jones faction. He has no special recommendation for the office, so far as discharging his duties is concerned, for he has certainly not honored the position to any great extent from the laboring man's standpoint. Should he be re-appointed, as he has intimated that he will be, then we would suggest that the title of chief inspector of mines be changed by the general assembly to that of "king" inspector of mines. We have reasons to believe that when Nash makes the selection some worthy Republican will be taken in preference to those already mentioned.

PINN NEWS

PINN, Dec. 27.—Christmas passed about as usual.

P. D and A. J. Wampler have returned for a holiday vacation. They have been drilling for coal in Michigan.

A Christmas service was held at the church Sunday evening. Santa Claus was present. Christmas exercises were held at the schoolhouse Friday evening.

Our school will have no vacation this year

John Whitfield has bought a new Estey organ.

The Rev. Mr Adams, of Tiffin, did not preach Saturday evening, as was announced, on account of the inclemency of the weather. He will preach a trial sermon one week from next Sunday morning.

Miss Bertha Erb is visiting relatives in Barberton.

ELTON NOTES.

ELTON, Dec 27 -David Thomas and family are spending the holidays with relatives in Cleveland.

Owing to the bad weather, there was no singing at McFarren's schoolhouse Saturday night. William Crossland is the instructor.

Mrs. Adam Burkholder is visiting her sister, Mrs. Reefy, at Elyria.

Lizzie Williams, of Massillon, was the guest of her mother on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Owens spent Christmas with friends at Uhrichsville.

Levi Cunningham has returned from a visit with his brother at Winesburg.

John Bidle and son, of Applecreek, are visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Two colored men passed through town Christmas morning. They purported to be from Orrville and had been burned out of house and home.

The exercises at the McFarren church were well attended. The Christmas tree took the attention of the little ones.

EAST GREENVILLE AFFAIRS

The most interesting feature of the entertainment given Saturday evening in the Congregational church was a representation of a church of the early days. It was large enough to hold several children. William Biven, representing Uncle Sam, was a prominent figure throughout the entertainment. A reproduction of the play has been requested It may be given next Saturday night.

M. Spiker, of Glenville, is the guest of local relatives.

The Rev. Thomas Davis, of Granville, is visiting at the home of his father.

H. H. Hershey has come home from his Columbus college to spend the holidays.

Mrs. T. J. Mossop is the guest of friends in East Palestine.

John Thomas, of Justus, is spending a few days in Greenville.

John Bowers is in Marshallville.

CUPID IS BUSY.

Lawrence Township the Scene of Present Operations.

NORTH LAWRENCE, Dec. 27.—Ira Zimmerman, of this place, and Miss Iva Clapper, of Newman, were married at the parsonage of the United Brethren church, the Rev. Mr. Miller officiating, on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman will reside here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones have taken up their residence in North Lawrence. Their marriage took place at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Yoder, at Canal Fulton, on Sunday. The bride was formerly Miss Alice Frew, daughter of Mr and Mrs. George Frew. The groom is a brother of John P Jones, labor commissioner.

When William Frew left North Lawrence he said he would return with a bride. He said he was going to Monroe Falls, but nothing more. He is expected home today or tomorrow.

Art Calendar.

One of the handsomest calendars that has appeared for the new year represents children playing on the broad beach of one of our Atlantic Coast resorts. The youngest, a little tot, is defying the approaching tide of the ocean, and in a spirit of bravado calls out to his companions who are eagerly watching him, "Who's Afraid?"

Copy of this calendar, carefully mailed in strawboard to protect in transmitting, will be mailed on receipt of ten cents in postage stamps by W. B. Kniskern, G. P. & T. A., Chicago & North Western Ry., Chicago.

Early application should be made as the edition is limited.

Fred Emerson Brooke, at the Armory Friday evening, December 29, 1899, is a poet, orator and genius.

STAR SILICATE CO.

Plant to be Put Into Operation This Week.

OTHER INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

The Ohio Table Company will be Represented at the Grand Rapids Furniture Exposition—Progress at the Steel Works—The Brewery

The plant of the Star Silicate Company, located just west of the works of W R. Harrison & Company, in Walnut street, will be put into operation this week, all the machinery being already in place The company will engage in the manufacture of silicate of soda, which is put to a variety of uses, but is chiefly valuable in soap making. Naturally, at the beginning, the force employed by the company will be small, but increases will be made in both force and plant as the business of the concern warrants. It is expected that in the future the plant will be operated day and night. The company will today make application for articles of incorporation under the laws of West Virginia. All of the incorporators are Massillon men

ATTENDED THE EXPOSITION

Manager J F. Arnold, and Salesman Wheelock, of the Ohio Table Company, will go to Grand Rapids, Mich with a full line of the concern's finest tables next week, when the annual furniture exposition will be held in that city Mr Arnold's invention is the very latest table in the market, and it will be a wonder if he does not bring home a prize The first annual invoice at the works will be made next week The company now employs thirty-nine people

AT THE STEEL WORKS.

The cold weather is not interfering with work at the plant of the Massillon Iron and Steel Company As the works draw nearer completion, the force of skilled workmen increases. Every point of the plant has thus far been reached ahead of time

PLANS NEARING PERFECTION

Every day brings nearer completion the plans of J. W Schuster for removing his Millport brewery to Massillon Since the article first announcing Mr Schuster's intentions appeared, at least a dozen people with sites for sale have called upon him. The selection of one of these locations is the question now being considered

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c per bottle at Z. T. Baltzly's drug store.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

will aid the cook as no other agent will to make

The dainty cake,
The white and flaky tea biscuit,
The sweet and tender hot griddle cake,
The light and delicate crust,
The finely flavored waffle and muffin,
The crisp and delicious doughnut,
The white, sweet, nutritious bread and roll,—
Delightful to the taste and always wholesome.

Royal Baking Powder is made from PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR and is absolutely free from lime, alum and ammonia.

There are many imitation baking powders mostly made from alum and sold cheap. Avoid them, as their use is at the cost of health.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. NEW YORK.

NERVES AND FOOD.

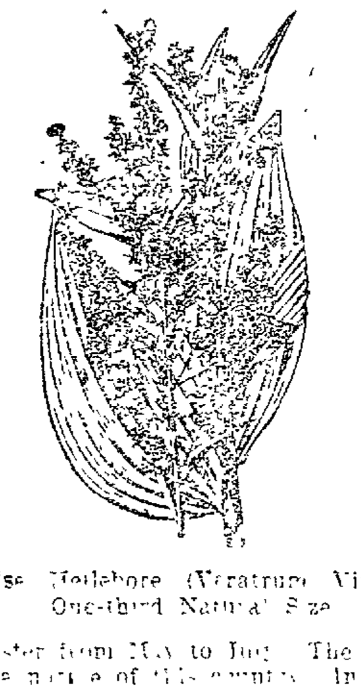
A Nervous Cow Gives the Greatest Amount of Milk.

It is the nervous cow that gives the greatest amount of good milk. One inclined to go to fat makes an excellent beef cow but a relatively poor milker. As the nervous cow is apt to be smaller in proportion than a large fat beef making cow, the idea gains some headway that she requires less food. Indeed, there is a tendency in some quarters to reason that a cow needs food in proportion to her size, that is, a large cow requires more than a small one. This is a [illegible] most pronounced [illegible] nervous energy that [illegible] it [illegible] more [illegible] be given [illegible] A good [illegible] the [illegible] fed to the beef cattle.

[illegible] mechanism is [illegible] than that of the [illegible] taking animals. A cow [illegible] can stand more [illegible] than the [illegible] horse. Many dairymen [illegible] not appreciate this thoroughly, [illegible] the whole value [illegible] con- [illegible] In a morning [illegible] great amount of food and convert it [illegible] so that [illegible] the [illegible] rule to go [illegible] there [illegible] soon [illegible] Very [illegible] that [illegible] a [illegible] or [illegible] anything that [illegible] nerves, may cause the [illegible] to stop temporarily, and [illegible] digestion so that [illegible] will not be given for [illegible] It is to guard against such [illegible] that the dairyman [illegible] his supervision and authority. His cows are high strung [illegible] machines that will easily give out after abuse or misuse.—C. W. Jones

American False Hellebore.

In this column we illustrate a plant known as American False Hellebore. It is one of the poisonous plants of the United States. It is blessed with a great variety of names, as follows: White hellebore, false hellebore, swamp hellebore, Indian poke, meadow poke, poke root (in N. H.), Indian uncus, puppet roots, earth gall, crow poison, devil's bite, duckretter, itch weed, bugbane, wolf's bane, bear corn. It grows from two to seven feet high and has a fleshy root one to three inches long. The leaves are large and stemless and of varying size. The flowers blossom in a large yellowish-green cluster from May to July. The plant is a native of this country. In New England it is found in wet meadows and in mountain woods. It is found in [illegible] as far south as Virginia and westward to Oregon and Washington. It is even met with in Alaska. Its poisonous properties are found in all parts of the plant, seed, leaf and root. It has been reported that [illegible] are frequently killed by eating [illegible] and [illegible] by eating the [illegible] But it is asserted that sheep eat the leaves with relish and apparently with impunity. [illegible] One [illegible] reported where a family prepared the leaves for [illegible] [illegible] or acts [illegible]



False Hellebore (Veratrum Viride), One-third Natural Size

Oats New and Old.

[illegible] But [illegible] is [illegible] new [illegible] to [illegible] growth [illegible] and [illegible] will be [illegible] enough in [illegible] days [illegible] story.

Mixed farming is what will bring a sure revenue to the farm. Be sure to plant enough of everything for home use and as much more as you have land for.

A dollar's worth of paint, well rubbed in, will save five dollars' worth of farm implements. Rub the handles and wood-work of small tools with linseed oil.

JINGLES AND JOKES.

Husband (kindly)—My dear, you have nothing decent to wear, have you?

Wife (with alacrity)—No, indeed, I haven't: not a thing. I'm ashamed to be seen anywhere. My very newest party dress has been worn three times already.

Husband—Yes, that's just what I told Bliffkins when he offered me two tickets for the opera to-night. I knew that if I took them they'd only be wasted. So I just took one. Well, I must hurry.—St. Andrew Gazette.

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"Yes, I quarreled with Stiggins."

"What's the trouble?"

"We have adjoining suites in the same flat. Stiggins snores so that he shakes the partition. All I did was to ask him if he would kindly cut his snore into trombone lengths and load into a mechanical piano."

"What did Stiggins say?"

"He advised me to get my ears weather stripped."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Caller—Good morning, Johnny. Is your mother in?

Johnny—Yes'm, she's in, but she ain't out of bed yet.

Caller—Indeed! Is she sick?

Johnny—No'm, but she was up late last night givin' a lecture.

Caller—A lecture, eh? Did she have much of an audience?

Johnny—Only Pa.—Richmond Dispatch.

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"Do you know anything about yachts?"

"No more than I do about golf."

"Shake."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Miss Sourface (to tramp)—Did you ever have a romance in your life?

Tramp—Yes, mum; I had a sweetheart once that looked like you.

Miss Sourface (setting out another piece of pie)—And did she die?

Tramp—No mum. Me fadder wanted me to marry her, so I run away from home.—Baltimore American.

Reformer—You ought to be ashamed of yourself—sending your little boy to the saloon for beer.

Mr. Clancy—Oi can't help it, Sorr. It's the butler's afthernoon off.

Author—Tell me candidly, what do you think of my latest book.

Friend—No, no. Let us remain friends.

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"What makes that gentleman's latest wife so unpopular in his family?" asked one other lady.

"She's so thoughtless," replied the other. "She insists on saying 'my husband' instead of 'our husband.'"—Washington Star.

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He lugged a big valise along,
As from the house he sped
The neighbors thought that he was bound
For Europe, but instead
He merely to the office went,
And having timely care
For freaks climatic, took along
Three weights of underwear.
—Richmond Dispatch.

The Ruling Passion.

The clergyman had finished and the organ was pealing forth the sonorous rapture of the Mendelssohn march.

"One moment, George," said the radiant bride, and facing the audience she raised her exquisitely bound though somewhat bulky prayer-book in her dainty gloved hands and pointed it directly at the brilliant audience. There was a sharp click.

"All right, George," said the bride, "come along."

And as they marched down the aisle, she showed him that the supposed prayer-book wasn't a prayer-book at all. It was a camera!

"It's my own idea, George," she whispered. "Clever, isn't it?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Good Beginning.

Friend—Have you finished your play yet?

Playwright—Haven't started it, but I've prepared the speech I'm going to make when I'm called before the curtain.

How It Happened.

The Conqueror—I thought yer said yer could lick me wit one hand in yer pocket.

The Conquered—Well, I forgot to put me hand in me pocket.

A Novelty.

Actress—I wish I could think of some way to make the public talk about me.

Press Agent—You might tell the truth about your age.

As Usual.

Mrs. Richmond—I heard some awful stories about you. Some of your enemies must have been slandering you.

Mrs. Bronxborough—Oh, dear no! I am more inclined to think it was some of my friends.

A Bright Idea.

Brumble—I had a bully idea for the Dewey parade, but the committee turned it down.

Thorpe—What was the idea?

Brumble—To have all the children who have been named after Dewey [illegible] in the parade, each child [illegible] in a perambulator by its nurse, and each nurse escorted by a policeman. Wouldn't that be great?

In the Menagerie.

"Come on," said the lion, as he [illegible] from the brown bear's left [illegible] come over and join me at a good golf game."

"Golf!" exclaimed the second lion, hastily taking a bite of hyena, "where in the realm of Barnum are we to play golf?"

"Why," said the first lion, "over on the lynx, of course."—Life.

One Fear Forever Banished.

"I am in mortal terror," exclaimed the agitated maiden who was preparing to elope. "If the horses should whinny we are lost!"

"Horses!" said the waiting lover, tenderly reassuring her. "Darling, it is an automobile!"

FROZEN DELICACY

Nuts Combine Deliciously With Fruit Cream.

Nut creams are the latest in the popular frozen delicacy. This delightful variation of the standard article may be very easily made by using Neapolitan or Philadelphia ice cream as a basis, and it furnishes an acceptable novelty for the entertainments of the social season now opening.

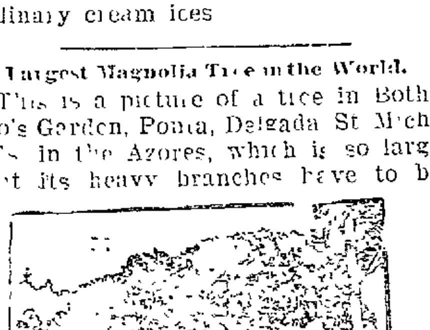
Chestnuts must be well boiled till quite soft, mashed, rubbed through a sieve and then slightly salted, but all other nuts are more pronounced and better flavored if unboiled. Almonds, chestnuts, filberts and hazelnuts should be shelled, blanched, chopped fine, sifted and added to the cream at the beginning. They may also be slightly roasted, chopped, pounded to a paste and rubbed through a sieve with the addition of a little cream. Add this paste to the hot cream and set aside to cool.

Nuts combine deliciously with many of the delicate fruit cream ices. Equal parts of either walnuts, pistachios or almonds and mixed candied fruits make a good combination with almost any cream ices for a basis. The addition of a pinch of salt to each quart of nut cream heightens the flavor (especially of pistachio), which is slightly insipid without.

All cream ices containing nuts require a longer time both to freeze and to ripen, because of their oily nature. Observe the same general rules for freezing, packing and molding as for ordinary cream ices.

Largest Magnolia Tree in the World.

This is a picture of a tree in Bothello's Garden, Ponta Delgada, St. Michael's, in the Azores, which is so large that its heavy branches have to be



supported by iron pillars. The picture is from a photograph taken by F. A. Walker, official photographer on the recent cruise of the steam yacht, Niagara, Mr. Howard Gould owner.

Hints for Women Doctors.

A well-known physician in New York city, who during a small lifetime of work has accumulated a fortune, attributes her success to "sick-room manners."

Her advice to young doctors is to maintain a cheerful and sunny disposition, a hearty manner and bright, interesting conversation when in the sick room. Also, that before she leaves she must not fail to return to the subject of the patient's illness.

People who are half sick—and there are more of them than of any other kind—are morbidly sensitive about the condition of their ailment and the popularity of the physician depends greatly on her manner.

Another successful physician claims that an important phase of the doctor's sick-room conduct is never to be in a hurry. No matter how great the provocation might be to hurry, she must never appear to do so. The tiniest appearance of neglect or indifference will ruffle the patient's temper, and the physician is likely to lose.

To Remove Wrinkles.

If a woman's wrinkles come from an overfat face there is nothing she can apply as good as massage but she wants to go carefully on the fattening cream.

The least amount of cream touched on her fingers to soften the skin will serve the purpose. And when she gets through with her massage let her take a soft cloth and wipe the cream thoroughly from the face out of the pores.

If the pores of the skin are large, let her sponge off her face with a weak solution of benzoin. Wrinkles should be treated every day if they are bad, and when they begin to disappear they should be looked after twice a week.

If it is possible the best time to do this is just before retiring, for the face is in repose for the next eight hours and the massage gets a chance to work better results.

This ten minutes of work on the wrinkles does not have to be accomplished by the full steaming process.

HOUSEHOLD.

Avoid Damp Feet—Damp feet may bring about diseases of all the most important organs of the body. If stockings become even slightly damp, change them after first washing and drying the feet.

Cooked Celery—Cut in pieces three or four inches long. Cook till tender. Serve with cream slightly thickened and flavored with pepper and salt.

Cold Bathing—A daily cold bath taken in the morning and followed by a vigorous rubbing is an excellent preventive of colds.

Varnish Stains—Varnish stain can be removed by the use of turpentine or benzine.

Wool Garments—Woolen garments should always be worn next the skin. They preserve the body from sudden chills.

Costliest Thimble on Record.

Think of it, a thimble which costs sixty-five thousand dollars in American money! And think of a husband who presents his wife with such an anniversary present! This is what the King of Siam did upon the last anniversary of his marriage. The thimble is of gold, enriched with diamonds and precious stones. It is shaped like a partially opened lotos flower, each petal bearing the interlaced initials of the sovereign and his wife in amethysts, rubies, emeralds or topazes. Around the rim of the thimble can be read the date of the marriage according to the Siamese and European calendars, each number and each letter being of alternate diamonds and pearls.

The thimble was designed by the queen herself, and was made by a prominent Parisian jeweler.

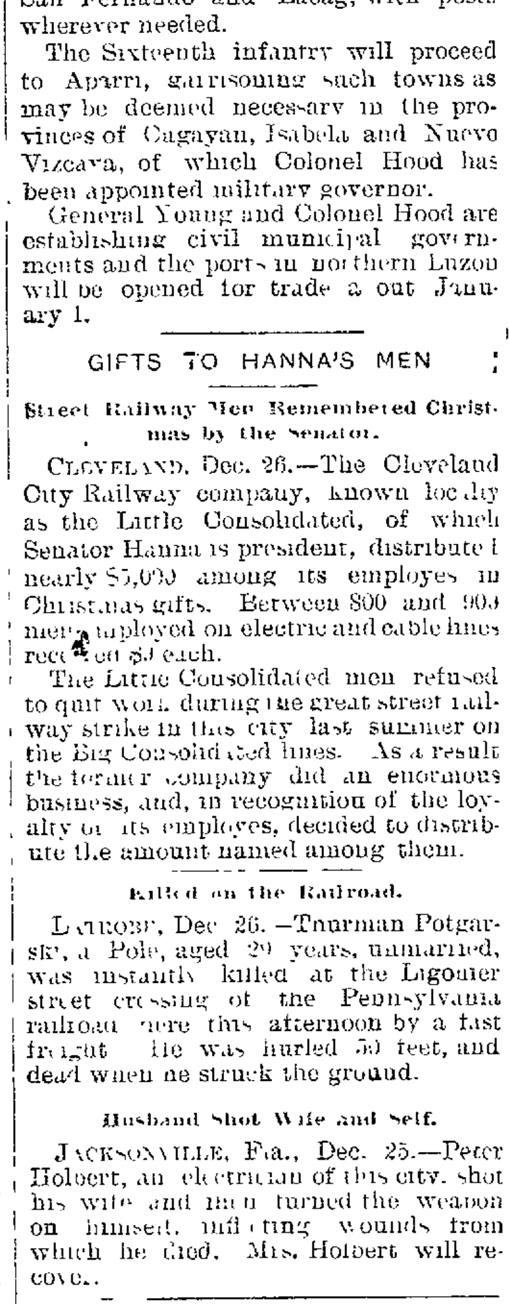
GEN. YOUNG APPOINTED

Military Governor of Provinces In Northwest Luzon.

HEADQUARTERS TO BE AT VIGAN.

He Will Establish Posts at Certain Towns Under His Jurisdiction—Colonel Hood Appointed Military Governor In a Certain Section.

MANILA, Dec. 26.—9 a. m.—General Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the Thirty-third infantry, under Colonel Luther R. Hare, and the Third cavalry.



GENERAL S. B. M. YOUNG.

He will establish permanent stations at San Fernando and Laoag, with posts wherever needed.

The Sixteenth infantry will proceed to Aparri, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Nuevo Vizcaya, of which Colonel Hood has been appointed military governor.

General Young and Colonel Hood are establishing civil municipal governments and the ports in northern Luzon will be opened for trade about January 1.

GIFTS TO HANNA'S MEN

Street Railway Men Remembered Christmas by the Senator.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—The Cleveland City Railway company, known locally as the Little Consolidated, of which Senator Hanna is president, distributed nearly $5,000 among its employes in Christmas gifts. Between 800 and 900 men employed on electric and cable lines received $5 each.

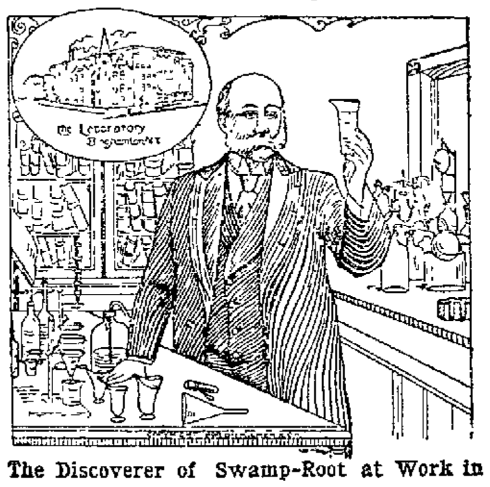
The Little Consolidated men refused to quit work during the great street railway strike in this city last summer on the Big Consolidated lines. As a result the former company did an enormous business, and, in recognition of the loyalty of its employes, decided to distribute the amount named among them.

Killed on the Railroad.

LATROBE, Dec. 26.—Thurman Potgarski, a Pole, aged 29 years, unmarried, was instantly killed at the Ligonier street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad here this afternoon by a fast freight. He was hurled 50 feet, and dead when he struck the ground.

Husband Shot Wife and Self.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 25.—Peter Holbert, an electrician of this city, shot his wife and then turned the weapon on himself, inflicting wounds from which he died. Mrs. Holbert will recover.



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The Discoverer of Swamp-Root at Work in His Laboratory.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It has cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases, after all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. A sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. and mention this paper.

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TRAVELER'S REGISTER.

Trains Arrive and Depart on Central Standard Time

Change in Time of Trains on Pennsylvania Lines.

Under a new schedule in effect November 19, 1899, passenger trains over the Pennsylvania lines leave Massillon station as follows:

For the East, 2.18 a. m., 8:05 a. m., 1 p. m., 8:30 p. m.

For the West, 9.10 a. m., 10.22 a. m., 5:42 p. m., 9:40 p. m.

For particular information on the subject apply to J. A. Shoemaker, local ticket agent.

The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Ry. Co.

Schedule in effect Nov. 19th, 1899

North Bound Main Line.	2	4	6	8
Standard Time	A. M	A. M.	P. M	P. M
Bellaire		5 55		
Bridgeport	.....	6 1	1 00	4 10
Uhrichsville	5 30	8 10	3 00	6 16
N Philadelphia	5 48	8 27	3 18	6 31
Canal Dover	5 55	8 34	3 26	6 41
Justus	6 [illegible]	9 03	3 55	7 09
Massillon	6 40	9 18	4 11	7 23
Canal Fulton	6 58	9 35	4 28	.....
Warwick	7 05	9 42	4 35	.....
Sterling	7 [illegible]	10 04	4 59	.....
Seville	7 33	10 10	5 05	.....
Chippewa Lake	.....	..	...	.....
Medina	7 55	10 30	5 26	.....
Lester	8 10	10 40	5 40	.....
Brooklyn	8 54	11 24	6 26	.....
Cleveland	9 [illegible]	11 40	6 40	...

Lorain Branch.	12	14	16	10
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lester	8 15	10 41	5 47	2 05
Grafton	8 35	10 59	6 05	2 23
Elyria	8 50	11 16	6 23	2 40
Lorain	9 10	11 30	6 37	2 55

South Bound. Main Line	1	3	5	7
Standard Time	A. M	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Cleveland	7 10	1 00	4 10	......
Brooklyn	7 24	1 16	4 54	......
Lester	8 11	2 02	5 45	......
Medina	8 23	2 11	5 56	......
Chippewa Lake	.			......
Seville	8 43	2 30	6 19	......
Sterling	8 49	2 36	6 26	......
Warwick	9 11	2 55	6 48	......
Canal Fulton	9 18	3 05	6 56	...
Massillon	9 39	3 23	7 16	6 30
Justus	9 58	3 40	7 31	6 46
Canal Dover	10 26	4 11	8 11	7 16
N Philadelphia	10 [illegible]	4 18	8 08	7 23
Uhrichsville	10 50	4 35	8 25	7 41
Bridgeport	1 15	6 50	......	9 50
Bellaire	...	7 05	......	......

Lorain Branch	11	13	15	9
	A. M	P. M	P. M	A. M.
Lorain	7 05	1 05	4 25	9 45
Elyria	7 20	1 20	4 40	10 00
Grafton	7 41	1 38	4 56	10 16
Lester	8 00	1 57	5 15	10 35

Sunday trains between Uhrichsville and Cleveland at Massillon, northbound, 6:10 a. m. southbound 8.26 p. m. Electric cars, Bridgeport to Wheeling, Bellaire and Martins Ferry.

For through tickets or any information, consult any agent or address

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WHEELING & LAKE ERIE R'Y.

TIME TABLE—IN EFFECT FEB 19th, 1899

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

EASTWARD.	NO. 1†	NO. 3*	NO. 5*	NO. 7*
LEAVING	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Toledo Un. Dep.	7 15	1 20	4 00	...
Oak Harbor	8 15	2 17	5 05	....
Fremont	8 36	2 40	5 32	....
Clyde	8 51	2 55	5 47	....
Bellevue	9 01	3 09	6 01	....
Monroeville	9 17	3 23	6 15	....
Norwalk	9 26	3 34	6 25	....
Wellington	10 04	4 15	....	....
Spencer	10 15	4 25	....	....
Lodi	10 31	4 40	....	....
Creston	10 46	4 54	....	....
Orrville	11 11	5 19	....	....
[illegible]	1 [illegible]3	5 31	....	....
Massillon	11 41	5 48	....	6 20
Navarre	12 01	6 08	....	6 36
Zoar	12 22	6 30	....	6 58
Valley Jct	1 29	6 40	....	7 05
Sherrodsville	12 57	7 04	....	7 28
Bowerstown	1 11	7 19	....	7 44
Scio	1 24	7 32	....	7 57
Brilliant	2 49	9 14	....	9 29
Mingo Jct	2 59	9 24	....	9 39
Steubenville Ar	3 10	9 35	....	9 50
Martins Ferry	2 50	9 15	....	9 30
Wheeling	3 00	9 25	...	9 40
ARRIVE	P. M	P. M.	P. M	A. M.

WESTWARD	NO. 4*	NO. 6*	NO. 8*	NO. 2*
LEAVING	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Wheeling	5 30	10 15	3 45	...
Martins Ferry	5 40	10 25	3 55	...
Steubenville Lv	5 2	10 05	3 35	......
Mingo Jct	5 31	10 16	3 46	.....
Brilliant	5 41	0 26	3 56	....
Scio	7 08	12 04	5 28	....
Bowerston	7 21	12 17	5 51	....
Sherrodsville	7 [illegible]	12 33	6 06	....
Valley Jct	8 00	1 02	6 31	....
Zoar	8 08	1 1[illegible]	6 9	....
Navarre	8 30	1 53	7 01	....
Massillon	8 50	1 55	7 20	....
Dalton	9 08	2 11	P. M	....
Orrville	9 20	2 26	......	.....
Creston	9 4[illegible]	2 52	......	...
Lodi	10 00	3 05	......	...
Spencer	10 15	[illegible]	...	...
Wellington	10 [illegible]6	3 53	...	A. M
Norwalk	11 05	4 16	......	7 00
Monroeville	11 1[illegible]	4 2[illegible]	......	7 09
Bellevue	11 [illegible]	4 41	......	7 [illegible]
Clyde	11 [illegible]	4 5[illegible]	......	7 [illegible]
Fremont	11 5[illegible]	5 0[illegible]	......	7 [illegible]
Oak Harbor	12 20	5 [illegible]1	......	8 1[illegible]
Toledo Un. Dep.	1 20	6 30	......	9 [illegible]5
ARRIVE.	P. M	P		A. M

*Daily. †Daily Ex[illegible]

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Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Ry.

Schedule in Effect April 3, 1899.

SOUTH BOUND.

Central Time	2 Day	28 Day See Note	38 Day Ex Sun	8 Day Ex Sun		
	a m	p m	p m	a. m	......	......
Cleveland.. Lv	8 35	7 35	3 15	.....		......
Euclid Ave "	8 45	7 50	3 25	....		......
Newburg "	8 58	8 0	3 30	..		......
Hudson "	9 30	8 40	4 5	....		......
Cuyahoga F. "	9 43	8 54	4 27			......
Akron "	9 58	9 07	4 45		.....	......
Orrville Ar	1[illegible] 18	10 0	5 40			......
Orrville Lv	10 23	10 10	5 [illegible]			......
Millersburg "	11 [illegible]	10 5[illegible]	6 3[illegible]	6 00		.....
Gambier "	[illegible]	12 0	p m	7		......
Mt Vernon Ar	1[illegible] 48	[illegible] 25		7		......
Mt Vernon Lv	12 53	12 30	..	7		......
Centerburg "	1 8	12 59		7 [illegible]	..	....
Westerville.. "	1 48	1 37	......	8		......
Columbus .. Ar	2 10	2 00		8 5[illegible]		.....
	p m	a. m		a m		
Cincinnati.. ...	5 40	6 [illegible]0	..	..	..	..
	p m	a m				

NORTH BOUND.

Central Time	3 Day	27 Day	35 Day Ex Sun	7 Day Ex Sun		
	a. m	p. m.	a. m	p. m.		
Cincinnati . Lv	8 30	8 00	...	.	....	......
Columbus. . Lv	11 45	12 [illegible]5	.....	4 35		.....
Westerville "	12 [illegible]0	1 06	..	5 02	.	......
Centerburg.. "	12 46	1 51	...	5 39		.....
M. Vernon Ar	1 [illegible]0	2 20	..	6 0[illegible]	.	.....
M. Vernon Lv	11 [illegible]	12 25		6 1[illegible]	..	.....
Gambier. "	1 2[illegible]	2 40	.	6 25	.	......
Millersburg	2 35	3 55	8 50	7 35	.	......
Orrville.. Ar	3 17	4 45	9 35	p m.	..	.....
Orrville.. Lv	3 22	4 55	9 40	.		.....
Akron ..... Ar		5 55		.....	.....	.....
Akron Lv	4 15	6 05	10 37	....		.....
Cuyahoga F.. "	4 27	6 17	10 45	....	......	......
Hudson "	4 40	6 30	11 02	......	.	......
Newburg .. "	5 15	7 05	11 42	......	.....	......
Euclid Ave.. "	5 26	7 16	12 04	......	..	......
Cleveland,...Ar	5 40	7 30	12 [illegible]0	.....	.....	......
	p m.	a. m.	p m			

	114	Mls	Dresden Branch		118
	a m.				p. m
....	†6 11		Lv Millersburg..Ar	......	†6 0[illegible]
....	7 04	0	" .. Killbuck "	......	5 30
....	8 10	18	" ......Warsaw.. "	......	4 15
....	8 55	27	" ...Cooperdale... "	......	3 00
....	9 2[illegible]	33	Ar ....Trinway . "	......	2 2[illegible]
....	†10 15	50	Ar ..Zanesville..Ar	......	†12 4
	a m				p m

† Daily except Sunday. ‡ Lunch.

Nos. 2 and 3 carry Parlor Cars between Cleveland and Cincinnati. Fare 25 cents between Cleveland and Columbus, or intermediate stations; 50 cents between Cleveland and Cincinnati, or intermediate stations south of Columbus.

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Diamonds are going up in price in leaps and bounds. A Maiden Lane jeweler said that he does not expect diamonds to get any cheaper for years, and perhaps never. As an example of the way in which the gems are increasing in market value, he said that a few weeks ago he sold some diamonds at the rate of $65 a carat. One of the stones was sent back to him because of some slight defect. He sent it to the diamond cutter, who removed the flaw by cutting away a little of it and by that time, a matter of a week or so, the price had increased to $85 a carat. At this time the same stones are worth $100 a carat. He has a number of diamonds put away, and he will not offer them for sale for a considerable time, because he knows the price will be much greater in a few months. He might be tempted to sell some at an advance of 10 or 12 per cent, and, to make sure that he will not do so, he has deposited them in a safe deposit vault, where he cannot get at them easily. Diamonds are scarce, he says, and the big syndicate, of whom Cecil Rhodes is the head, will take care that they never become plentiful again. That is the diamond situation at present, and, as Cecil Rhodes and his partners control it, there is not relief in sight. Whether or not it would be a good business move to buy diamonds now for a raise must be left to the judgment of investors, but the Maiden Lane merchant's expression certainly points in that direction.

For the Vice-Presidential Nomination.

New York politicians are interested in the candidacy of Lieut.-Governor Woodruff for the Vice-Presidential nomination. It now seems probable that he will be opposed for the nomination by Secretary Root, but of course the contest will not go beyond the lines of this State.

If the New York convention declares for Woodruff, as now seems quite probable, he will probably have no serious opposition in the National convention, as the party will be disposed to nominate an Eastern man as the running mate for McKinley. Mr. Woodruff is a thoroughgoing organization Republican and his management of the campaign in Brooklyn this year, is regarded as very successful. He is yet a young man and his popularity has been demonstrated in the two State campaigns in which he has proved an easy winner. The Independent element may, however, insist upon Root's nomination, and the contest become a very animated one.

Timothy L. Woodruff.

Experiments With Wireless Telegraphy.

An interesting series of experiments are being conducted between Governors Island and Tompkinsville with wireless telegraphy. The purpose is to use it in the army signal service.

Captain Reiber, at the Island, is superintending the experiments, and he thinks well of the work that has been accomplished. The army is not using the Marconi system, but has one of its own that it finds satisfactory.

Bidding for Warship.

Organized labor here wants to see some of the 18 new warships built at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. If the proposed appropriation of $26,000,000 for building the vessels is made, workmen in this vicinity want to get some of it. So the District Council of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders are preparing a petition to the Congressmen from this State to use their influence in behalf of labor in and about New York.

Blockade on the Bowery.

It does not take much to block the Bowery about 6 o'clock in the evening, when the daily homeward rush is at high tide. A horse knocked down and killed in a collision did the job this evening. The animal was lying across the car tracks, and it took a number of men a long time to get it out of the way. Before the road was clear there were at least 50 cars of the different lines stalled and trucks and wagons of all kinds were wedged in between, waiting for an opportunity to get away. Pedestrians could not cross the street easily, but were mixed up in the tangle of vehicles, and the confusion became worse confounded every moment until the blockade was raised, with the aid of a few energetic policemen and an army of laborers. It made a break in the home going of thousands of working people, and their grumbling rose in a hum above the clanging of car gongs and the hoarse orders of policemen. But no one minds the grumbling of New Yorkers whether they are on the Bowery or upper Fifth avenue. They just grumble, and when they are tired of the exercise, they subside. That is all there is about that.

A Collection of Drawings.

In a store window in Fifth avenue there is a large collection of original drawings, engravings and photos that have been reproduced in one of the magazines. The pictures show Oliver Cromwell as a baby, and as a man, with his father and mother in separate frames, a picture of Cromwell's picture in another and a dozen old prints on various subjects, many of which were made more than a century ago. The window is most interesting in itself, and there is always a crowd in front of it day and night, for it is brilliantly electrically lighted in the evening. Incidentally the display is a splendid advertisement for the magazine.

The Popular Flower.

Women are wearing chrysanthemums more this year than they ever have. You may see any number of smart women of the uptown hotels and theatres with a bunch of chrysanthemums fastened to the corsage or carried loosely in the hand. The football young man and the horse-man have almost monopolized these blossoms in former years, but now the up-to-date girl steps in and takes to her bosom the imperial flower that is more elaborate every year, under the influence of strenuous and intelligent cultivation.

Is the Elevated Safe.

While no one is particularly frightened by the declaration of President Murphy, of the Board of Health, that every pillar and column supporting the Elevated Railroad in New York is unsafe, the warning Mr. Murphy gives will not be neglected. Millions of people use the "L" roads every day, and the safety of the structures is of too great moment to the whole community to be passed over. There has never been a bad accident on the "L" since it was built, but there is always the possibility.

Cranks are Common.

Park Row is one of the greatest places in the country for "panhandlers," "crooks," and cranks of all kinds. A well-known editor was coming down the steps from the Brooklyn bridge, when an elderly man of seedy aspect, whom he had never seen before, walked up to him, and shaking his clenched fist muttered, fiercely: "Now, lick me if you can." The editor laughed and answered: "What's the matter with you? Go way." "No I won't. Now, lick me if you can." And the editor, who is somewhat dignified in appearance and stern in his general demeanor, was compelled to walk a block to his office with this scare-crow by his side, repeating, savagely, and, it must be confessed, somewhat monotonously, "Now, lick me if you can." A policeman overheard the words, and, knowing the editor, looked inquiringly at him. "There's a nice 'bug' for you," was all the editor said, as he turned into one of the big newspaper buildings, leaving the policeman to attend to the case. Cranks are too common to cause anything more than passing curiosity on the part of a Park Row newspaper man.

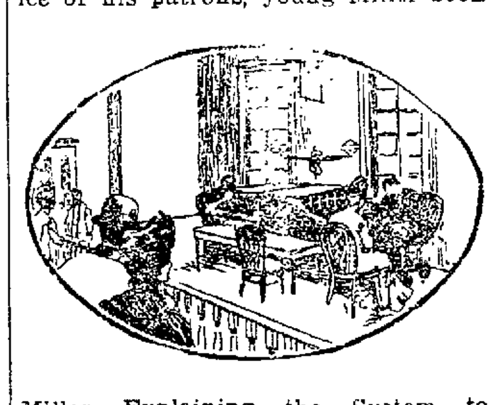
A Big "Infant"

Infants are not necessarily babes in arms. This truism was illustrated when a young man, six feet one inch in height and weighing 195 pounds, was represented in the Supreme Court by his father, who wanted his son's marriage to a woman thirty-seven years of age annulled on the ground that the young man is an "infant." He is, too, in law, for he is not quite twenty-one years of age. There was considerable snickering when the "infant" loomed up beside his parent and towered above that gentleman by nearly a head. The wife said the young man was twenty-nine years of age, and that he looked it. So he does. But it will remain for the court to judge whether he can successfully plead the baby act to escape the fetters of hymen.

The Fools are Not All Dead.

It is astonishing that in the age of newspapers and general information, a man could conduct such a fraudulent business as has been conducted in Brooklyn by the "Franklin Syndicate," so called. The manager of this concern, who has taken in over $4,000,000 from his dupes, is a young man of only twenty-three years, yet he had lived long enough to understand that the promise of enormous profits blinded many investors, and "doped" them to such a degree that they never thought of asking anything about the security which was offered.

Building upon the greed and avarice of his patrons, young Miller soon found the money flowing in in an enormous volume. He agreed to pay ten per cent a week, and he continued to do so for many months. Many persons drew out in dividends more than they put in to capital, and this in a few months' time. Of course the profits were paid out of the capital and little or nothing was actually earned. The continuance of "profits" to many of the first investors beyond the amount of money they had actually invested, served as a splendid advertisement, and drew others to the net. But the crash came at last and the law stepped in at a late hour after the manipulators had escaped and left thousands of creditors to mourn their loss. But there are other "Syndicates" in operation, and there will be still others. So long as the managers hold out promises of enormous dividends, and for a time pay those dividends, they can draw money from the fools who love to be duped.



Miller Explaining the System to Victim.

A Hard Problem.

The wife of William Barry a well-known comedian, has sued him for abandonment. Among the charges she makes is that he kept her so short of money that she could not afford to pay for enough dress material to have her stage skirts made long enough. She is a soubrette, but she has her own ideas of propriety in the matter of stage costume, and the skimpiness of her skirts has caused her much anguish of mind. This will be a question for a jury such as does not often fall to that important element in court trials.

AN ODD WEDDING RING.

A Roman Bronze, With Keys Attached According to the Custom of the Period.

A curious and interesting wedding ring has recently been placed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and it embodies an idea which some fashionable jewellers are thinking of copying in modern jewelry. It is a Roman ring of bronze, and attached to it is a small bunch of keys. In the British Museum there is a similar ring made of gold.

These rings are supposed to have been given at the time of the wedding, in addition to a regular wedding ring, and the keys in many instances were actual keys, which fitted the locks of jewel cases and other small caskets. At a Roman wedding the keys of the house were delivered to the bride at the same time the wedding ring was placed on her finger.

It is an interesting fact that as far back as antiquarians can trace the wedding ring it was always placed on the fourth finger. Some ancient manuscripts recently discovered explain the origin of this custom by the statement that a nerve was supposed to reach from this finger to the heart. The placing of the wedding ring upon the fourth finger of the bride signified the transfer of property.

The engagement ring of the Egyptians was placed upon the finger of the bride at a feast given by the bridegroom, and at the same time the day was fixed for the wedding. Contrary to the custom of the present day, when the engagement ring may cost many thousands of dollars, the betrothal ring of the Egyptians was of iron. This indicates the mutual sacrifice of liberty.

Instead of a gem, the ancient engagement ring contained a lodestone, which symbolized the force of attraction that was drawing the maiden out of her own family into another. It was not until the ninth century that marriage rings were used by Christians, although the Hebrews had been using weddings rings from the earliest times, some fine specimens of which are to be seen in the museum of this country. The Jewish rings were inscribed Mazal Tob, signifying good fortune.

A curious custom was that of the Anglo-Saxons, among whom the bridegroom placed a ring on the maiden's right hand, where it remained until, at the marriage, it was transferred to her left hand. An extraordinary custom of English women was to wear the wedding ring upon the thumb.

This prevailed during the time of Queen Elizabeth, of whom there are many portraits extant showing rings upon her thumbs. As late as the reign of George III. it was a custom in England for brides to remove the ring from its proper place to the thumb as soon as the ceremony was over.

It is a dangerous thing for a Spanish lover to present a lady with a ring unless he desires soon to marry her. The Spanish courts have over and over again held that such a present was the same as a betrothal, and that a ring which had been presented by a man is sufficient evidence of an engagement having existed between them.

Spanish brides have a deep superstition against removing the wedding ring from the finger after it has once been placed there. The only occasion upon which they can be induced to do this is when guests at the wedding feast desire to pass pieces of the wedding cake nine times through the ring. These pieces of cake are afterward taken home to be put under pillows, and the young girl who does this is supposed to dream of her future husband.

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Queer Custom of the Shans in the Mountains Between Burmah and China.

An Englishman who has penetrated into the almost unknown mountain region which devides Burnah from the frontier States of the Chinese empire, has brought back some curious details about the Shans, as the people who live in that country are called.

The Shans punish homicide with death, but the singular feature about the execution is that before it takes place the condemned is taken through the bazaar of the town where he is to die, and at every liquor shop is given a drink of what he chooses. The result is that most murderers reach the "Execution Tree' in a state of hilarious or maudlin intoxication. When brought to the death place the name and crime of the criminal are read out, and the slip of bamboo on which they are written is tossed over his head. The criminal kneels down, his arms are tied behind his back, and his head is struck off, Chinese fashion.

There is a curious mixture of Jewish and Teutonic in the criminal law, however; for the relatives of the murdered man or woman have the privilege of taking 300 rupees indemnity and letting the slayer go, or they may demand life for life.

In marriage, too, the custom is most curious. The bridegroom's procession advances to the bride's house, its way is blocked by ropes at various points, and the expectant husband has to pay toll. When he reaches the bride's house the pair eat rice together, and their hands are tied together with a string.

The funeral ceremonies are also different from those which are known to exist. A piece of money is placed in the dead man's mouth, and the body is carried out in a coffin, gayly decorated with tinsel and collored paper, accompanied by the chief mourners, who dance as they go to the grave. The eldest son walks ahead, carrying a naked sword to clear the way through the opposing spirits.

When the grave is reached, the wives and children of the dead man and his brother walk three times around the coffin, carrying a couple of lighted candles, the priests say their prayers, and the body is buried. Before the party goes home an aged man ties each person's wrist round with a piece of string to prevent his butterfly escaping, for the Shans believe that each man's spirit takes the form of a butterfly, which leaves him when he is asleep or unconscious. The string is worn until it falls off of itself. In like manner, when a traveller comes back from a journey, his wrists are bound with a string to prevent his butterfly again wandering off on its own account.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—Some surprise has been expressed because the senate, with a large Republican majority, has not reorganized save in the matter of the appointment of committees. For six years now the officers of the senate have been Democrats, although a strict nonpartisanship has been exercised in the distribution of patronage, the appointments being divided as equitably as possible among the senators. Still the impression prevailed that soon after the senate met there would be a reorganization and that Republicans would be selected in place of Secretary Cox and Sergeant-at-Arms Bright. But no move was made in this direction, and there is no intimation yet that there is an intention to make any change. This is not because there is a lack of candidates for the positions in case of reorganization, and it is believed that there is really an embarrassment in candidates, the matter being in a position rather difficult to solve. The popularity of Sergeant-at-Arms Bright and the satisfaction which Secretary Cox has given are other reasons why there is no particular anxiety to disturb these officers, even if they do belong to the minority party.

Finding Themselves.

Several new senators have found upon examination that they are members of many committees with very long names, but which have nothing to do. It often happens to the new senator that high sounding names catch him, and he feels that he is being honored when given a place on such committees until later in the session he discovers that there is really nothing for him to do. Some years ago when the committees of the senate were reorganized Thomas C. Power was a senator from Montana. He was placed on several unimportant committees, among them being civil service, retrenchment and reform. "I have been looking up my committee assignments," he said a few days later. "I shall meet with but one, that of which I am chairman. The others never meet. As to my committee and its work I will say at the start that I am not in favor of either civil service, retrenchment or reform, and it doesn't look as if I would do very much this session."

Railroad Legislation.

A number of bills have been introduced proposing to amend the interstate commerce law, but the prospects of action are somewhat remote. There is a wide difference of opinion among the members of congress in both houses as to what should be done, and the radical views on both may prevent any action. There is the proposed pooling bill, which many members hesitate to support, and the anti-scalping bill, which always meets with opposition. On the other hand, there is opposition on the part of railroads to measures which are intended to strengthen and give the interstate commerce commission more power. Where parties are so evenly balanced for and against measures it may generally be surmised that there will be nothing done. In the senate any well organized and determined minority can defeat a measure for which no political party is committed and for which the majority does not particularly care. Other matters will probably crowd any railroad legislation to the rear.

An Early Campaign.

The appointment of a subcommittee by the Republican national committee to disseminate literature previous to the meeting of the national convention marks a new era in the conduct of a political canvass. The argument made in favor of the movement is that during the winter months many people have time to read the literature which they cannot find time to read in the summer and fall. Senator Hanna chose for the chairman of this committee Mr. Perry S. Heath, first assistant postmaster general, who was for many years a prominent Washington correspondent and knows how to reach the people. His confreres are Charles G. Dawes, comptroller of the currency, and Senator George L. Shoup of Idaho.

The Republicans will not be the only party sending out literature, for the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans are not to be behind. Chairman James K. Jones, senator from Arkansas, is directing the Democratic work; Chairman Marion Butler, senator from North Carolina, for the Populists, and Hon. Charles A. Towne of Minnesota is here for the Silver Republicans. The Congressional Record for a week past has been bulging with speeches which will be used in this work.

Allen Was Ready.

John Allen of Mississippi is beyond question the humorist of the house. It grieves him sometimes when he wants to make a serious speech that his audience expects something funny, but on all other occasions he prefers and keeps up his humorous character. "I was ready for them," said Mr. Allen, speaking of the Roberts case. "I was ready for them on the first day. I went to the capitol with a pocketful of stones. I expected to hear some one rise and say, 'Let him that is without sin cast the first stone.' I would have begun to heave stones right then and there, but they didn't give me the opportunity. Perhaps it got noised about that I was loaded for them."

ARTHUR W. DUNN

THREE PRETTY PRESENTS.

What Any Ingenious Girl Can Do for Mother.

Three pretty presents and quite simple in form and very inexpensive, so it will be possible for any smart girl to make them, are described as follows:

The hanging pinholder is cut out of two pieces of stiff cardboard in the shape of clover leaves, measuring three inches and a half across and three inches and a quarter high.

When the embroidery work is complete cover one of the cardboards with the linen and attach it fast with cross stitches at the base.

A very pretty handkerchief box can be made by putting together four pieces of heavy cardboard, each five inches long and three inches wide, and two pieces five inches and one-eighth square.

Cut pieces of good thread linen to fit each board, and large linen to fit each board, and large enough to lap over on the back edge; then, in lead pencil, draw a design of violets at each corner.

When the embroidery is done carefully lap the linen over the cards and glue the edges of it to the reverse side of the card, taking care to stretch the goods out so it will lie flat.

A pretty heart-shaped frame to receive two photographs can be made from two pieces of cardboard, some linen, and embroidery silk.

It may vary in size according to the dimensions of the pictures, but for the cabinet photograph it can measure eight inches high, with the oval opening each two inches and a half wide and three inches and three-quarters high.

The laurel leaves with which it is embroidered are to be in green, the berries and scroll at top of ovals in pink, and the ribbons at bottom, or wreath in corn color. The work may be done in the outline or solid treatment, as it is rich and characteristic.

COOK'S CALLERS.

New Year's Parties in the Kitchens of the Wealthy.

Cook will probably have her New Year's callers this evening, and if you are wise you will close eyes and ears for the nonce, nor investigate too closely to-morrow the contents of dish or demijohn.

For her friends are hale and hearty, with old fashioned ideas on the subject of hospitality and an aversion to such foolish fripperies as tea or coffee!

If you have a few flowers or ribbons that you do not need, they will be well bestowed upon her, and will add to her attractiveness as she sits in state behind a well filled table in her kitchen presiding over some such scene as this:

Ting-a-ling-ling!

"Mary, there's the basement bell. G'wan now an' open the dure."

The kitchenmaid does so, and reports:

"It's Mr. Duffy."

"Arrah! come right in, Mr. Duffy. It's th' first ye are, an' good luck to you."

"Good luck to you, Miss Kelly. Shure it's a fine night, God be 'praised!"

"Awin! Sit down."

Duffy does so, and stares around in awkward fashion.

"An' are ye makin' many calls, Mr. Duffy?"

"This is the first. Shure I didn't lave the dumps til' sivin."

"True for you. An' pwhat will you have to drink? There's sherry wine an' port wine, an' claret wine an' some whiskey."

Mr. Duffy's dull eye brightens.

"I'll take a little av th' ould stuff," he says with a grin.

He takes it, but not a little.

"Will yez have some cake or a sandwich?"

"Have yez arrah a corn bafe san'wich in th' house?"

"Shure I have! Take two of thim."

He does so, and munches till the bell rings again.

The maid announces "Mr. Geohogan."

Duffy rises with some show of perturbation.

"I think I'll be goin'."

"Arrah don't hurry. Ye' know Mr. Geohogan?"

"I know no good av him."

"Arrah, phat talk have you more."

Duffy moves to the door as the newcomer enters, and the two men nod to each other in a surly fashion.

"Good night," says Duffy.

Cook follows him to the door, and her sibilant whisper can be heard plainly.

"Why don't you like him, Mr. Duffy?"

"Shure he's a scab! An', besides, he's from Tyrone. I niver give a county Tyrone man more than th' tip av me finger."

And the basement door clangs behind him.

Mr. Geohogan partakes freely of refreshments, and is proposing marriage when a new batch of callers arrive.

"Givan wid you now," says Cook, pleased and flustered, "an' come back whin your sober to-morrow. Here comes the Donnelley's."

From this time on the room becomes a rendezvous for Cook's many acquaintances.

The policeman looks in the door to exchange his good wishes for "bite and sup," the grocery clerk drops in, the iceman calls, and as the new year is ushered in with bells and songs and horns and shouts, Cook's guests are there to aid in the "send off."

A New Year Superstition.

Of all the New Year's superstitions the "first foot" had the widest vogue. In some places it was held unlucky for anyone to leave the house until someone from without had entered. If the whole population had believed and obeyed, they would all be inside yet, unless some obliging tramp slept in the street all night. The sex and hair of the first visitor was also vitally important. Women and light-haired men were rudely unwelcomed, while dark-haired folk could earn money and intoxication by well-timed calls.

WANE OF CALLING CUSTOM

Signs of Failing Interest in This Time Honored Celebration.

The Evening Post of January 2, 1857, seems already to see signs of failing interest, and regrets that the streets seemed less crowded than usual thought the day was warm. It plead as follows for the preservation of the holiday spirit:

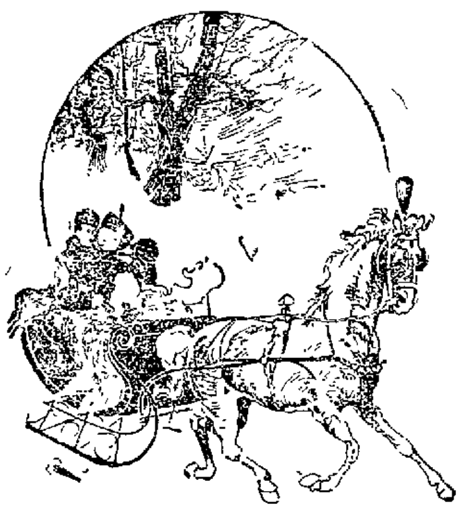
"Christmas Day cannot be appreciated by Jews or Turks. Thanksgiving is an imported holiday, which has never flourished genially outside of New England, and the Fourth of July is comparatively modern; but New Year's Day is a common and universal holiday for all sects, creeds, and parties, which, thanks to the advance of civilization, enables them to enjoy one day in the year sociably and harmlessly, though perhaps not always so rationally as to satisfy the requirements of severe morality."

After which lag these suggestive good wishes:

"We hope the celebration of the day has brought much happiness and few headaches to all who participated in it; and that the young gentleman made their two hundred calls, and the ladies upon whom they called, derived all the pleasure they anticipated from their achievements."

Then follows the criminal column, with the reassuring news that "the city kept remarkably sober yesterday, considering the occasion. The number of arrests was not larger than usual." I counted fifty-one arrests for intoxication, with only two-thirds of the wards heard from; the other third more than doubled the number. On the morning of the 3d, we find that "the New Year's rush" had not even yet subsided in the police courts. So cold now, however, is the attitude of the country toward New Year's celebration that even the comic papers have sacrificed with infinite regret this sweet chord of their ten-stringed lyre. The evolution backward of the holiday first showed itself in the habit eager callers fell into, of bounding up the steps—with zealous good wishes and thirst dividing the tip of the tongue—and of finding themselves greeted only with a basket yawningly repellant of farther approach. The first year these baskets spilled over with cards, each pasteboard typifying a blighted hope. The second year the baskets found nobody to push back down the steps. The third year they were not even hung out. And it was a daring youth that presumed to call on his intimate friends on that dread day. And the place of the holiday knew it no more.

Out on a Skate.



She—Do you ever go skating?

He—Well, er—yes, no—that is—which kind do you mean?

Exchange of Tokens.

One of the chief features of New Year's Day has always been an exchange of tokens. England and America devote too much time and money to Christmas, to wax very extravagant in this line. Perhaps, too, it has lost vogue here by the converse of the proposition of the late Robert Beverly Hale, who said that repaying a compliment is "like giving a New Year's gift to a man who gave you a Christmas present."

In early England the kindly sovereigns followed the example of some of the Roman emperors and squeezed gifts out of their loving subjects. Henry III. was especially firm in his extortions, and by the time of the seventh Harry, the king deigned to be gifted only according to especial formula, and received a procession of laden vassals. Such a scene is fully described in an old manuscript. The king and queen sat up in their respective beds, and received first their mutual gifts and afterward those of the nobles and others in order of rank—over the footboard.

In the twenty-fourth year of Henry the VIII.'s reign, the royal presents amounted to nearly $4,000, according to court records.

His Trousers Material.

He was a proud little fellow, as he strutted around in a new pair of trousers that his mother had made for him to wear on New Year's day, and very important he looked as he squared himself in front of his best friend, the corner groceryman, and said: "I bet you can't guess what my trousers are made of?"

"Of broadcloth?" asked the groceryman.

"Nope," replied the little fellow.

"Of corduroy, then?" ventured the groceryman.

"Nope."

"Of jeans!"

"Nope."

"Well, what are they made of, then?"

"Of papa's old ones," triumphantly replied the happy little fellow.—Memphis Scimitor.

Facetious.

"I'm going to let my office boy take a day off right along from the first of the year."

"That seems strange."

"Not in the least. It's his business to tear the leaves from my calendar pad."

A man admits that he is growing old just as he admits a great many other things he doesn't believe.—Atchison Globe.

Men are men; the best sometimes forget.—Shapspere.

AN ATTACK ON SUBIG.

Rebel Force Under Santa Ana Repulsed.

MARINES HELPED THE GARRISON.

Came to Soldiers' Aid—Several Filipinos Were Killed—No Casualties on American Side—The Garrison Sent Further Reinforcements.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—8:25 a. m.—General Santa Ana, with a force of insurgents estimated at 300, attacked the garrison at Subig yesterday. A body of marines were sent from Olongapo to reinforce the garrison and the Filipinos were driven back, several being killed.

There were no casualties on the American side.

A company of the Forty-sixth volunteer infantry, together with a contingent of marines, has been sent from Manila to reinforce the Subig garrison still further.

FIGHTS WITH REBELS.

General Otis Reported on Engagements In Philippines—Enemy's Casualties Heavy—Americans Wounded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An official dispatch from General Otis, dated Manila, Dec. 26, reported some details of engagements with the insurgents, following the death of General Lawton. His dispatch contained the following.

"Following are recent minor engagements: San Mateo, Dec. 19, General Lawton killed; Captain Kinan, Twenty-ninth infantry and Lieutenant Breckenridge, Seventh infantry, slightly wounded, four enlisted men slightly. Capture same date of Montalban; Lieutenant Cochett, Eleventh cavalry, and six enlisted men wounded, mostly slight. The enemy's casualties were heavy. In Northern Zambales, on the 21st inst., Colonel Bell struck 150 insurgents; and killed, wounded and captured 28 and 20 rifles; Lieutenant Reed, Thirty-sixth infantry, was wounded in the right thigh, moderate.

"General Hughes, at Iloilo, reports that an insurgent band attacked Brownell's company of the Twenty-sixth infantry near Jaro, and was repulsed with heavy loss in men and twenty-six rifles. Insurgents in Romblon are surrendering arms.

"On the 23rd inst. Captain Dams, Thirty-fourth infantry, struck an insurgent force near Arito, province of Neuva Viscaya, killing and wounding fifteen and capturing seven rifles. Lieutenant Meade, Twenty-first infantry, attacked an insurgent outpost near Calambra on the 24th inst., killing five and capturing five rifles. In the mountains in the southern portion of Batan province, on the 24th inst., Captain Comfort, Thirty-second infantry, struck an insurgent band, wounding four and having one man wounded. Major Spence, same regiment, same locality, captured an insurgent corral with 125 cattle and ponies. Captain Nayson, same date, was attacked in the mountains near Subig, one man missing. OTIS."

A Noted Scout Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Bushrod Underwood, who achieved fame as a scout in the army of Northern Virginia, died here, aged 56 years. Many deeds requiring great coolness and courage were credited to him by General R. E. Lee and Colonel John R. Mosby of the Forty-third Virginia cavalry, to which he belonged.

Death of a Corporal Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Word was received at the war department that the transport Maine, with Colonel Murray and the Forty-third volunteer infantry, arrived at Singapore on her way to Manila. Colonel Murray reported the death of Corporal Kerrigan, of Company B, on the 18th inst., of alcoholic poisoning.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Hearing Postponed.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 27.—The hearing in the preliminary injunction proceedings brought in Dauphin county court by Derry council of Hummelstown to restrain the state and national officials of the Junior Order of American Mechanics from collecting the national per capita tax was postponed until Jan. 4.

Application For Pardon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An application for pardon of Joseph Wilkins and Howard Butler, now serving terms in the Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, for violating the oleomargarine laws, was made to President McKinley.

Died of Typhoid Fever.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—General Wood, at Havana, informed the war department of the death of Walter Rees, Company G, Eighth infantry, on the 22d inst., at Camp Columbia, Quemados, of typhoid fever.

Allen B. Rorke Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Allen B. Rorke, a prominent contractor and builder and Republican politician in this city, died at his home here. He built the new state capitol at Harrisburg.

Died of Hydrophobia.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 27.—Abraham K. Lefevre, a farmer of Greenland, aged 45 years, died from hydrophobia. He was bitten on the hand by a cat about four months ago.

Woman Killed by a Train.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Samuel Valleau, aged 50, the wife of a retired actor, was killed by a train at Avon, near Asbury Park, N. J., while she was attempting to cross the track.

Riot Among Negroes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—During a riot among 47 negroes, men and women, on a trolley car in Morrisania, one man was fatally shot and two were dangerously wounded.

Killed His Wife.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Franklin B. Livingston, a blind man, aged 56 years, choked his wife, Rosie Livingston, to death at their home, 1160 Columbia avenue. He said she tried to smother him.

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TODAY'S MARKETS

Latest Reports From the Centers of Trade.

The following tables show the fluctuations of stock, as reported by T. Drake's exchange:

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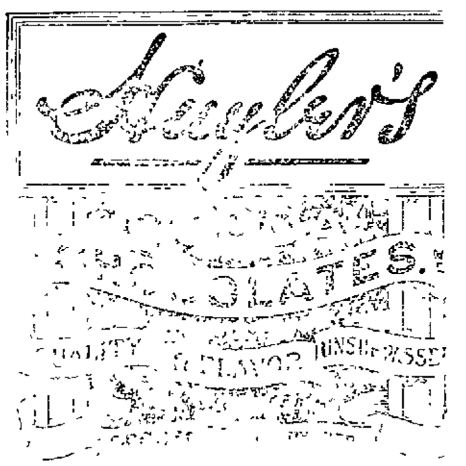
	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest	Cl
Wheat				
Dec	66	66⅛	66	
May ...	69⅜	69⅜	69⅜	
Corn				
Dec. ...				
May ...	33	33	32¾	
Oats.				
Dec. ..				
May ...	23¾	23¾	23⅝	
Pork				
Jan. ...				
May ..	10 40	10 52	10 37	
Lard				
Jan. .				
May ...				

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—[By Associa Press]— Cattle steady; beeves, $4.35 $6 75; hogs strong, $3 95@$4 30.

TOLEDO, Dec. 27.—[By Associa Press]—Wheat 69½



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NOTICE.

STATE OF OHIO, } ss
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In Court of Common Pleas. Char Laughlin, whose place of residence is u known, late of Massillon, Stark Coun Ohio, will take notice that on the 25th d of December, 1899, in the Court of Comm Pleas of Stark County, Ohio, where t action is now pending, being Cause No. — the undersigned, Susannah Laughl filed her petition against Charles Laughl praying for divorce fr m him and restu ation to her former name, Susannah Ric ardson.

The said Charles Laughlin is required answer the petition in said action not la than February 17th, 1900, being six wee after the 28th day of December, the date the first publication of this notice, or su divorce may be granted

SUSANNAH LAUGHLIN

By John O Garrett, attorney for petition

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